

Meeting: Minutes from Committee on Sustainable Utility Management-Wastewater system

Date: June 6, 2016

Members in attendance: Steve Grimm - NYRWA Technician; Jim Swartout-DPW Supt. ;Mayor Kevin Neary; Clerk-Treasurer Joe Pizzo; Citizens- Phil Butler

Mayor Neary called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Mr. Grimm mentioned that it was decided that Operation Resiliency was decided as low-achievement. DPW Superintendent Swartout said that we do have water sampling. Mayor Neary said that, overall, the Village does have an Emergency Response Plan. Mr. Grimm mentioned that the DEC wants to see that we are protecting the infrastructure. There are certain vulnerabilities that may not be able to be addressed. Management areas rank low because of no Vulnerability Assessment of Emergency Response Plan specific to the water plant. Redundancy in equipment breakdown when assessing vulnerability is looked at.

Mr. Grimm mentioned that in the event of an emergency, contact WARN (Wastewater Agency Response Network) listing needs and they will search for needed equipment for you. You can list equipment and manpower on an e-mail so other municipalities can see. We are in control of what we do with our assets and how we use them.

Time, staffing and money are the biggest challenges for the Vulnerability Assessment and Emergency Response Plan. Mr. Grimm said that once developed, DPW Superintendent and Eric Jones should be able to understand it. Every new hire should read and understand the Vulnerability Assessment and Emergency Response Plan. He also feels that operators, board members, and the Mayor should be involved. A development of a system management plan is used to track performance. Under a System Management Improvement Plan, the first action is to conduct a Vulnerability Assessment. Mr. Grimm said it is all a matter of getting objectives and goals for each management area. For financial viability, it is important to develop and implement an asset management plan. "Order on Consent" means that the DEC tells you what you should be doing and if you don't follow the order of consent, you will be fined.

The next meeting is July 18th at 8:00 AM

Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Pizzo, Clerk-Treasurer