

**TOWN OF HECTOR
SPECIAL MEETING
August 1, 2017**

Members Present:

Alvin White, Supervisor
Beverly Morley, Councilwoman
John White, Councilman
William Preston, Councilman
Mike Bergen, Councilman (7:10pm)

Justin Boyette, Councilman (7:25pm)

Others:

Jane M. V. Ike, Clerk
Robert Stapleton, Water Superintendent
Josh Mikkelsen, Assist. Water Supt.
Lee Kent, V/WG Supt of Public Works
Donna Beardslee, V/WG Clerk
Tony Fraboni Barb Kelley
Martin Pierce

Called to order by Supervisor A. White at 7:05pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor A. White reviewed the purpose of the meeting. The Village of Watkins Glen has requested to enter into an agreement to provide a back-up Ila Water Operator. Supervisor A. White explained that if our operators are not comfortable with this situation, we may not enter into an agreement.

Martin Pierce, Village of Watkins Water Operator explained why they need a back-up operator. Harley Campbell retired in 2016; Mark Specchio retired in May; now only have one operator; DOH requires they have 2 or at least a back-up available for vacation, time off, etc. They do have another person who will be working on getting certified. Need a licensed operator available if case of emergency, etc. Expect that there might be times when the back-up Ila operator might need to sign a report to DOH; if Martin was not available, someone might have to do the reports. WG facility and processes are different than Hector's; would anticipate some training and basics would need to be covered. Stanley knows how to operate the plant but cannot do the reports; or complete all the testing without an available operator. Martin believes that if he was over 60 minutes away, back-up operator would at least need to check in with employees that are at WG plant.

Donna Beardslee, Village Clerk has an agreement that they used with the City of Corning in the past; will email it to Supervisor A. White. Hours worked would have to be approved by Superintendent of Public Works; might need to cover in Martin's absence in an emergency; supply water to T/Dix 81 customers plus the race track; and T/Reading 30 customers; 980 village customers; daily readings are taken and then reported to DOH; signatures needed once a month if Martin was unable. Looking to have a name on a piece of paper to meet DOH requirements; town would bill the Village once a month; village must pay within 60 days; employees would be covered under V/WG insurance while on duty in the Village; hourly rate needs to be determined; looking mainly for emergency back-up; looking at a one year agreement and will look at it again then; agreement can be cancelled by either party in writing.

Supervisor A. White expressed concern with extra hours; would probably pay time and a half to employee; with benefits would probably be approximately \$50 per hour.

Councilwoman Morley and Councilman Bergen both asked if Water Superintendent Stapleton was willing or comfortable with this arrangement. Water Superintendent Stapleton indicated he does not feel comfortable; does not know enough regarding the operation of the plant; concern with something happening even though not anticipated; wish they had more time to learn the system before jumping in. Supervisor A. White acknowledge concerns; asked if there was any way to overcome concerns.

The Village had a plan several months ago; hired someone that signed up for the Ila classes and then quit prior to actually taking classes. Martin feels that it will take our operators some time to get acclimated; he would feel the same in our plant; Corning has a similar system; came to us first. Councilman Bergen suggested they reach out to Corning; would alleviate training issue for now. Councilman J. White and Supervisor A. White acknowledge they would like to see WG pursue with Corning; if does not work come back to us for further discussion. Lee Kent thanked guys for honesty.

Supervisor A. White asked V/WG to let us know if Corning was not able. Lee Kent suggested that maybe we could do some cross training in the future between both plants.

Water Superintendent Stapleton and Assistant John Mikkelson would not be opposed to that; would like to learn more about their system before jumping in; willing to learn; would like to take a tour.

Adjourned at 7:45pm on a motion by B. Preston, seconded by M. Bergen.

Respectfully presented,

Jane M. V. Ike, Clerk