

**Joint Water and Village Meeting
Monday October 21st
Village of Victory Meeting Hall**

Present;

Village of Schuylerville Mayor Carpenter

Village of Schuylerville Trustee Baker

Village of Schuylerville Trustee Colvin

Chairman and Village of Schuylerville Trustee Drew

Village of Victory Mayor Dewey

Village of Victory Trustee and SVBOWM Commissioner Healy

SVBOWM Commissioner Mike Hughes (Village of Schuylerville)

Jake Fort Water Plant Operator

There was a discussion regarding the chain of command in the event of a water main break.

It was determined that the DPW supervisors would go to the site of any reported water line problems within their jurisdiction, assess the situation and then make recommendations to the water board and wait for direction from the board by email. In the event that a water break is at an outside user location, the DPW supervisors would determine who should respond.

Chairman Drew has been researching contractors to find a company that they could contract with to be on call for water emergencies. He will continue to research this. Trustee Baker stated that during his time as chairman, the water board used Mark Rogers for much of the water work. Water clerk Breton stated that this contractor is on the list under the name MJR

The North Broad Street line replacement was discussed at length.

Ian Murray, Town of Saratoga supervisor attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of the Town of Saratoga helping with the expense of installing the new line as the outside users that are connected to this line are all within the Town of Saratoga.

Trustee Baker asked if the water board had obtained an estimate for the North Borad project. No estimates have been received. Mayor Dewey asked if we could use the estimates from CT Male that were for the main street line replacement, but Trustee Baker pointed out that the lines on Broad and Ferry are much bigger than what we will need for the North Borad project. Currently those homes are serviced by 2-inch lines. Trustee Baker stated that he estimates that the project will be between \$60,000 and \$90,000.00.

There was some discussion as to whether the water district should continue to support this water line. Mayor Dewey questioned whether it would be worth the cost as there are only seven houses on that line. Trustee Colvin stated that he felt, as the water board had spent over \$90,000 to repair the line break in Easton, that they should repair this line as well. Mayor Dewey and all others present agreed that it should be done. There was discussion regarding which homes have curb stops. Those last three on the east side have no curb stops and are all connected together. It was discussed that the lines that go under the road to those houses on the west side might need to

be replaced as well. This would require boring under the road. Trustee Baker asked who we will contact to get an estimate for the cost of this project. Chairman Drew stated that he had only spoken with one contractor and that the contractor stated that he will need an engineering report on the scope of work to give a quote for the project. The board discussed the cost of this, and Trustee Baker suggested that CT Male might be reasonable as we are clients of theirs already. To date, the costs to continue to repair the deteriorating line on North Broad has exceeded over \$73,000 in the last two years. Town of Saratoga Supervisor Ian Murray asked if we would be directional drilling or digging. We could use directional drilling but will still need to dig to install the curb stops. The line will need to run 510 feet from the end of the main in Schuylerville to the last house serviced with water on North Broad. Supervisor Murray asked if there would be another fire hydrant installed at the end of this line. It was determined that a 2-inch line is not adequate for hydrant use and that an auto flusher would serve to maintain the lines.

Trustee Baker mentioned Vaccarielli, who had attended a village meeting to ask if he could extend the water and sewer lines to the old cement plant further up North Broad. Mayor Dewey asked if he should be included in this conversation. Trustee Baker stated that Mr. Vaccarielli has already been informed that any extensions to include his project would be at his cost.

Commissioner Hughes asked about the line to the west that travels through the school property. Trustee Baker expressed discomfort with the idea of tying into a line that runs through school property.

Ian Murray stated that he will need cost estimates before he can bring this to his board. He cautioned that time is of the essence, as we are getting into colder weather now and soon DOT will not allow us to do this project. Trustee Baker stated that he did not think that this project could move forward until the spring, as we are already almost in November with no engineer's report and no commitment from any contractors.

Mayor Carpenter expressed concern that this is an emergency situation. He feels that although we have bought ourselves a little bit of time, we are talking about a road that is heavily traveled. We were not able to tamp down the ground after the last repair as the line is so fragile the tamping kept causing more breaks. He feels that the vibrations alone from the trucks that travel that road are going to further compromise the line. He is concerned that it will become an emergency repair that will need to be done in the middle of winter. He feels that we should be prepared to move forward at any time in the event that we do not make it through to spring. Jake Fort, water operator stated that Supervisor Decker had just this afternoon reported a resident on this line who has low water pressure. Trustee Baker asked if this could be due to hydrant flushing. This will need to be addressed in the morning. Supervisor Murray asked if the state will allow us to install a 2 inch line. Trustee Baker stated that this is what is there now. He also stated that it was his impression that any new lines would not be allowed to run within the road. They would need to be next to the road.

Mayor Carpenter stated that if this project could be moved up to emergency status, we would not need to go through the usual procurement procedure with sending the project out to bid for the engineering, as this would add considerably to the timeline. There was some dissention as to

whether this was an emergency, Mayor Carpenter pointed out that running a hose over a state highway to provide water to residents could not be construed as anything other than an emergency. Mayor Dewey stated that moving this up to emergency status would substantially increase the cost. Mayor Carpenter stated that this whole situation was created by the negligent inaction of the water board to address this situation that has been ongoing for over a year and a half. Mayor Dewey asked where the funds would come from for this project. Trustee Colvin stated that we must find a way to finance this project. We have no choice. We have wasted over \$70,000 dollars on repairs that did not work.

Mayor Dewey asked if the town engineer would be able to handle a scope of work for this project. Supervisor Murray stated that he would ask his engineer tomorrow if this is something that he feels he could handle. If not, the board will need to reach out to CT Male for an estimate on the cost to do a scope of work for the main extension.

The next meeting was set for November 4th just prior to the Village of Schuylerville workshop.

The capital project was discussed. The cost had been figured, for the full phase one cost of 1.5 million dollars, minus the grant award amount of \$641,250.00, to go out to bond for the remaining \$858,750. There would only be an increase in the price per quarter per unit of \$1. This was due to an error in the budgeting process for the 2025 FYE, where there was an underrepresentation of the number of units for the school. The SVBOWM had previously stated that they could not go over a five dollar per quarter increase in the rates for water users. This showed the increase to be well under the amount that the water board thought would be acceptable.

Mayor Dewey stated that he would need to review the figures and that they could discuss this further at the meeting on November 4th.