

NVC Utilities Committee
Trustee Meeting
Community Hall and by Zoom link
Friday, June 21, 2024, 2:30 p.m.

Trustees Present: Jeffrey Wilt, Judy Metcalf, Casey Brown,
David Crofoot

Trustees Absent: Brady Brim-Deforest

Staff: Bill Paige, Trish Parker, Chuck Applebee

The June meeting of the NVC Utilities Trustees convened at 2:30. Utilities chair, Jeffrey Wilt called the meeting to order.

Community Comments – No comments.

Approval of minutes:

Casey moved (David second) approval of minutes of May 17, 2024, minutes.

Superintendent Report:

- **During the May operating period there were two BOD exceedances (see operating report)**
- Trustees discussed options for understanding BOD exceedances. They include a portable composite sampler to test pre-chemical treatment to see if the chemicals we use are the source of increased BOD readings.
- Use sampling to determine actual influent number not assumed number. We need real information.
- Use the new Sludge-judge to analyze solids. This will allow us to know when to pump.
- Next pumping is scheduled for June 28, 2024.
- Northeast lab is slow and not getting any faster. There is consensus to use the Lab owned by Water Quality and Compliance Services. We need timely data. WQCS rates are lower.

Water Department Rate Increase

- Faced with a 30% increase in the cost of water we purchase from Belfast, increased labor costs and the increased cost of book-keeping and auditing, the Trustees discussed the need for a 25% rate increase.

Judy moved (David second) approval of motion to seek a 25% increase from the PUC. The motion was unanimously approved.

Judy moved (David second) approval to schedule a rate increase hearing for September 20, 2024 at 2:00. The motion was unanimously approved.

Other Business:

- The trustees continued budget deliberations. Discussed at length the alarming increase in costs associated with book-keeping and auditing.

The next meeting of the Trustees is a **July 19, 2:30 p.m.**, Community Hall and on-line (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82961508196?pwd=ekpzTlIzcmI3cnJEZmlHRmlwR3ZSZz09>)

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jeffrey Wilt, Chairman