



## **SOUTH NEW BERLIN WATER BOARD WATER BOARD DISTRICT MINUTES**

January 8, 2015

**Happy New Year!**

### **Members present**

Rob Off  
Bruce Beckert

Samuel Gainfort  
Carmen Pizzuto

Mike Moore: Supervisor

Town Council Members: Roy Stockwell and Wendy Rifanburg  
Town Supervisor: Bob Starr

Meeting came to order 1930 hours, last months minutes were accepted as submitted.

Project engineer not in attendance

Supervisor's report: Mike is now obtaining meter readings by a hand held computer reader during his scheduled walk through of water district. He stated that he still has two district unit homes needing to exchange out old style meters and he has noted a slight issue reading meter pits with the hand held reader. Mike mentioned that a phone line for system communications has to been installed.

New water rates and debt retirement cost will go into effect beginning with the New Year (2015). In addition, the delinquent late penalties also become effective. The water billing clerk (Gerry Franco) is also utilizing the new computer system for billing and other district administrative needs. The assistant town clerk is helping Gerry and will be tasked with water usage billing.

Bob Starr, Town Supervisor, stated that a letter is going out to all district unit owner's to identify and announce the new rates with a brief statement of why the changes have occurred.

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Rob discussed an e-Mail he had received from project engineer and is seeking clarification.

A couple of issues have arisen in regard to Otsego County Land Trust and project operations. Sam is wondering why they have not contacted the Water District Water Board in this matter. Other project concerns and district operations were discussed.

- New system still not on-line awaiting county health approval and a final walk through of project (this may not be feasible until April – May 2015 due to weather conditions). The main well pump still not 100% the well casing still has issues awaiting status. Landscaping, planting of new tree's have yet to be completed, discussion followed

Sam typed up a list of changes (additions / deletions) to the South New Berlin Water District Rules and Regulations for review and discussion. They were accepted favorably and will become a change addition to existing Standard Water District Rules and Regulations.

Future discussion items:

- Status of water meter installation (two remaining to be changed – located on 18 N)
- Deputy
- Old Well House (located on Hovey Lane)
- Walk through overall project
- Tx 5 water line transmitter identifier / tracer
- Water Articles (Policies, Standards, and Regulations)
- #100 State Highway 23 water hook-up

Issues within / and pertaining to (i.e., no water, water leaks (outside the home), questions, etc... within the Water District need to be brought to the attention of the Water Board. The Water Board meets the first Thursday of each month (except the months of July and August) at the South New Berlin Fire Department (meeting room) at 7:30pm.

The Town Council will meet on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Sam Gainfort  
Acting Secretary

Rob Off  
President