

**Town of Dix Public Hearing
Water/Sewer System
June 10th, 2024**

Present: Superintendent Dominick Smith
Deputy Superintendent Brian Ervay
Councilman Eric Moore
Councilman Jeff Meehan
Councilman Alan Gregory
Town Clerk Naomi Kingsley
Highway Supervisor Scott Yaw

Supervisor Smith called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Smith gave a presentation on why the Town needs to raise the water rates at this time. The Town was served notice back in January that the Village will no longer take care of the water system. The Town has been trying to work things out with the Village but to no avail. The Village will stop running the system as of July 1, 2024. The Town will now have to purchase equipment all the necessary equipment and hire Water System Operators. The immediate cost will be approximately \$190,000.00 and the Town will have to Bond \$200,000.00 for the future items that will need to be purchased.

What Options do we have:

- 1) Raise Rates
- 2) Convince Village to keep Operating System - everything stays the same
- 3) Find a partner or partial partner to operate the system. The companies that do this are expensive and we would have no control over raising costs
- 4) Disband District - each service location to have a well and septic installed at their own cost - Not a good option for the people currently on the system

Proposed Water Rate Option 1

Proposed Watkins Glen Rate to Dix: \$13.34 per 1000 gallons

Proposed Dix Rates

Other	\$15.00
0-2250 gal	\$30.00 Lump sum
2251-10000	\$0.015 Per Gal
10,000+	\$0.042 Per Gal
Average Month Estimate	663,173.00 Gallons
Dix Monthly Water Expenditure	\$8,846.73
Annual Operational Cost	\$191,150.00
Monthly Operational Cost	\$15,929.17

Annual Loan Cost	\$24,684.00 Annual Cost for 10 year loan at 5%
Monthly Loan Cost	\$2,057.00
Proposed Dix Monthly Expenditure	\$26,832.89
Dix Revenue	\$26,904.71

Proposed Water Rate Option 2

Proposed Watkins Glen Rate to Dix: \$13.34 per 1000 gallons

Proposed Dix Rates

Rent	\$15.00
0-2250 gal	\$30.00 Lump sum
2251-37400	\$0.027 Per Gal
37401-74810	\$0.029 Per Gal
74811+	\$0.032 Per Gal

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Dix Revenue	\$27,612.85

Sewer Rates will not be changing except for the "Other" charges. These are what we use for future repairs, etc.

Old Other: \$30.00 per month

New Other for Residential: \$35.00 per month

New Other for Commercial: \$50.00 per month

After much discussion Supervisor Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:38 pm

Town of Dix Regular Board Meeting

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Supervisor Smith had one addition to the agenda – Court Audit

Supervisor Smith moved for an Executive Session to discuss litigation. Entered Executive Session at 6:41 pm and returned to the regular session at 7:15 pm

Resolution #61 – offered by Moore, seconded by Ervay

Resolve to accept Option 1 as the new water rates. Roll call vote as follows: Gregory – aye, Meehan – aye, Ervay – aye, Moore – aye, Smith – aye.

1. Reports:

- a. Supervisors – spent most of his time working on the water-sewer issue, an extensive amount of time. Met with the people from the Meads Hill PUD – they are still working on things – no plans yet, thinking it will be about 2 years. Working with the County on Tax Issues, Met with Highway Supervisor regarding the bridge on Cronk Road – Schuyler County Soil and Water help with a temporary repair to keep the bridge open for now. Met with Amy at The Yard regarding her sewer issue.
- b. Deputy Supervisor – addressed the insect (ant) issue
- c. Bookkeeper - none
- d. Superintendent of Highway - Shared services with Reading and Hector, Oil and stoned Baker Hill, Beaver Dams Moreland, Price Roads, Worked with Soil and Water doing parking lot and Cronk Road Bridge, Mowing road sides, Top soiled and seeded around town hall parking lot, Ditched DeMunn Road, profiled and currently prepping Pearl Street for oil and stone later next month
- e. Code Officer - none
- f. Planning Board - none
- g. ZBA-needs 1 members.
- h. Town Court – received and distributed monthly reports. Councilman Gregory reported that he met with the Judge and she is looking for ways to save on the phone bill particularly the fax issue.
- i. Dog Shelter – no report received as of yet
- j. Committee Reps:

- i. EMC - none
- ii. FD - none
- iii. Landfill - none
- iv. Solar – starting the DuVall Road Project
- v. Short Term Rental – none

Resolution #62 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Ervay

Resolve to approve Minutes: May 2024, Approve Town Clerk’s Report May 2024, Approve Audit, Approve Supervisors Report for May 2024. Ayes – 4, nays – 0

AUDIT		
General Fund – Townwide	209-249	\$ 17,614.06
General Fund – Outside Village	218	\$ 64.82
Highway Fund – Townwide	219-245	\$ 7,201.17
Highway Fund – Outside Village	246-247	\$ 8,837.12
Special Sewer Fund	24-26	\$ 13,803.64
Special Water Fund	22-27	\$ 12,142.22
Trust & Agency	11-12	\$ 5,117.37

- Water and Sewer Rates

Resolution #63 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Meehan

Resolve to contract with the law firm Bond, Schoeneck and King PLLC. Ayes – 4, nays - 0

- Fagan PUD/Meads Hill updates, nothing as we have no application.
- Pro Housing Program-working on it, one last piece, needs to enter building permits issued in the last year
- Parking Lot Expansion -done, needs to set for a year before paving
- Old Town Hall Sale-where is the money going to be allocated to,
- Generator for Water System in need of repair – quote needed
- Pump Replacement in Lift Station CR 16 and 414 – a quote for the cost of the repair was sent around to the board members.

Resolution #64 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Ervay

Resolve to accept the quote for the pump replacement at the lift station at CR 16 & 414. Ayes – 4, nays 0.

- New Fax Service – tabled – judge looking into it
- Designation of DuVall Rd HCA and Sale of Old Town Hall – need to think about what the money should be set aside for, building repairs, vehicles, reserves – tabled for now
- Appointment of Board member to Health Consortium – need a representative

Resolution #65 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Meehan

Resolve to appoint Alec Moore as the Town’s representative to the Health Consortium. Ayes – 4, nays – 0.

Budget Transfers:

\$84,934 from savings to building fund. Was to be used to help build new Town Hall was never transferred.

Resolution #66 – offered by Ervay, seconded by Meehan

Resolve to approve the transfer from savings to the building fund. Ayes – 4, nays - 0

Transfer \$2,950 from A1410.4 to A1320.42 for Clerk Audit

Resolution #67 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Meehan

Resolve to approve the transfer of \$2,950.00 from A1410.4 to A1320.42 for the Clerk Audit.

Ayes – 4, nays - 0

Transfer \$5,000 from A7510.4 to A7512.4 for the Summer Recreation Program

Resolution #68 – offered by Meehan, seconded by Moore

Resolve to approve the transfer of \$5,000.00 from A7510.4 to A7514.4. Ayes 4 – nays – 0

Motion by Gregory, second by Moore to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 7:38 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Naomi C. Kingsley
Town Clerk