

**NORTHPORT VILLAGE CORPORATION
UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 16, 2003**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Pro Tem Ken Vlodek at 9:05 AM. Committee members present were Vlodek, Plummer, Handler, Merolla and Badershall. Other attendees included Lou Sirois of RD, J. Rohweder, J. Krulis, J. Fancy and D. Crofoot.

Minutes of the previous meeting on May 2, 2003 were approved.

Agenda items were interrupted by Crofoot who demanded inclusion within the Utility Committee. Although others had been voted onto the Committee at the previous meeting held for that purpose, making larger a committee acknowledged as already having been too large, still a vote was taken with 2 for and 3 against. Crofoot then accused the Chair: "This smacks of every bit of power play that I've tried hard not to accuse you of."

Phase I The monthly pay meeting report and payment request #6, dated May 13, 2003, was discussed. Fancy reported that there have been 2 change orders so far. The last one was for \$9,000 per Fancy and he does not expect any further change orders through completion of job. The Lynch work schedule was distributed and discussed with NVC work stopping by June 28 and resuming in September/October 2003. Dan Webster will post this schedule on web site. Handler, with technical reasons, proposed paving lower Park Row. Phase I completion details and cost saving measures were discussed. Meter installation is progressing but Fancy did not know how many meters have been installed. The meter pit issue is being studied by Members Brockway and Doucette who were not in attendance. However, Brockway has suggested that the customer should decide. Merolla suggested that a meter pit specification standard be supplied by the Committee in order to avoid adverse impact to public water system by defective or inadequate meter pit installation. Badershall volunteered to work with the meter pit sub-committee. Fancy confirmed that Sea Street belongs to the Town of Northport. NVC coordination with Town road planning was discussed. It was mentioned that Bill Macgruder does not approve of the use of mesh fabric on Broadway.

Phase II Fire Chief Simpson has indicated 5 hydrants on Dirigo plan for about 2 miles of water main. Committee questioned the spacing and agreed that hydrant specification should be completed by engineers. Results of a meeting between NVC Utilities (Vlodek, Plummer and Merolla) and the CBDG officials Orman Whitcomb (Department Head), Mike Baran and Debbie Johnson on May 15, 2003 was reported. The LMI data generated following commencement of the CBDG application development phase is complete and has been found to be satisfactory. Project will proceed and RD was notified. A contingency clause in bid contracts is no longer necessary. An alternate bid must be prepared as a separate part of the bidding process for qualified LMI customers. A confirmation letter from those not wishing service will be obtained. Badershall stated that he found problems with the LMI study. The environmental study is completed and review period has expired. The Town should receive the clearance letter soon. Dirigo will now complete Phase II engineering before May 25, 2003 (next NVC Overseers Mtg.) and after presentation to DEP, CBDG, RD, etc., and review period, bidding should be able to commence on approx. June 8, 2003. There was discussion and unanimous Committee approval for additional Dirigo design work for 600' of Bluff Road south of Clinton Ave. The \$7,000 engineering cost is

expected to be far less than the cost to the Town for reconstruction of this road section. Funding may come from the contingency fund. The CBDG files Must be kept confidential and in a locked file.

Phase III Committee members discussed the DEP consent decree. Fancy maintained that this is a good arrangement for the Village and the decree facts are wrong. He cited that \$10,000 of the penalty was for not operating the sewage plant efficiently. Pete Bixler was a past NVC president, utility chair and water and wastewater operator and stated to DEP in 1989 that system would not work. What will be done about mitigation of fines in the future? There is no longer any mention of this in the decree. Resident Crofoot stated that "There is no urgency to respond to the DEP." "Wait at least until the next Overseers' meeting to discuss this." In addition he made the point that the decree is a matter for the overseers not the committee. Plummer strongly suggested that the matter not wait for another week for the overseer review because of potential exacerbation of the situation. Merolla agreed and pointed out the fine sited in the decree is a proposed fine. After considerable follow-up discussion, the Committee agreed that Vlodek, Fancy and Andy Hamilton will meet with the DEP ASAP (Tuesday May 20, 2003). Handler recommended and Committee agreed to invite Hamilton to next Overseers' meeting. The Chair detailed approximately \$70,000 in anticipated near term expenditures including outstanding Eaton & Peabody and Woodard & Curran bills in addition to the \$40,000 fine sited in the DEP decree. He further questioned where the money would come from. Handler suggested that a special assessment of \$270.00 per NVC resident sewer customer would cover expenses for now. M. Tomlin has been supplied all necessary billing information. Water invoices will be generated the 1st week of June and sewer invoices will go out May 21st (\$350.00 for entire year.)

The next Utility Meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2003 at 9:00 AM.

Meeting was adjourned by Vlodek at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Todd Park Merolla