

Town of Independence
Water Board Meeting Minutes
3/3/21 6:30

In Attendance: Tige Ellison, Don Nelson, Jim Smith, Bill Meunier, Kim Howe, Austin Waite, Jeri Reichman

Meeting began by reading the 2020 Sanitary Survey Results from Allegany County regarding our public water supply.

Results are as follows:

Source water: no problems or deficiencies

Treatment: No problems or deficiencies

Distribution system: Discussion on the importance of flushing system.

Back-flow prevention evaluation was also indicated.

Finished water storage: No problems or deficiencies

Pumps and controls: a secondary pump is required by 12/21

Monitoring and reporting: everything up to date

Systems operation and maintenance: curb box maintenance fee suggested

Operator certification: look for another operator, suggest more than one available

The group discussed raising the water rate. Our current rate is as follows:

The first 6,600 gallons of water is a flat fee of \$25.00. After the initial usage, the charge is \$.36 per thousand gallons. We also have a maintenance fee of \$30.00 Late fees are 7%. Turn on and turn off fees are \$25.00. Tax levy for unpaid water bills is \$100.00

- Our water rate has not increased in many years. The maintenance fee was added a few years ago. Jim Smith offered to construct a spread sheet of possible water increase possibilities.

- Hydrants will be flushed this spring.

- New York State Rural Water will be assisting in determining what businesses should have a back-flow preventer.

- Supervisor will call Root Water Well and Drilling to assess the well near the water tank.

- Discussed possible maintenance fees for folks with available water - no decision made.

Adjourned at 7:30.