Water Commissioner's Monthly Meeting January 4, 2017

Ken Morin, Chairman Steve Call, Commissioner Bruce Merriam, Commissioner Michael Brown, Water Superintendent Suzanne Leh, Clerk/Collector Eileen Tela, District Accountant

Ken Morin opened the meeting at 5:00pm. Bruce Merriam made the motion to accept the minutes of December 7, 2016 as printed. Ken Morin seconded. All in Favor.

<u>Mohawk Ramblers</u> – Water was shut off to old building last week. Building is to be torn down any day. We did receive another bill from our lawyers that will be passed along to the club.

<u>Railroad Salvage</u> – An estimated 100,000 gallons were used to fight New Year's Eve fire. Fire Dept drafted rest of water from the canal.

Strathmore – On Christmas Day a 6" sprinkler line let go. This was noticed when Steve Fitzpatrick saw the next morning that the reservoir dropped 6 feet over night. 1, 257, 000 gallons leaked over 14 hours. (*This would be an estimated cost of \$3,675.00 if the town were to be billed*)Mike spoke with John Zellmann, Steven Ellis and Dave Jensen. They did a site visit and will meet again tomorrow regarding this part of the building. It is very unsafe and all agreed it needs attention. There is an immediate worry that the homeless who lived in Railroad Salvage building will be moving on to this part of the Strathmore Building. There are presently 3 sprinklers there, two are shut down. John wants to board up and mark with X that building is unsafe and no one can go in. Then remaining sprinkler can be turned off.

New Truck - Truck arrived in December.

<u>Water Conservation</u> – We are seeing a slight turn with the winter weather. Stream readings are coming up. Tolan 2 Well is up two feet, Hannegan Brook Well is still down 2/1/2 feet, slowly coming back up. Looking at our numbers, 2016 was the second lowest usage year we have ever had.

District Accountant – Eileen handed out budget worksheets and comparative figures for FY16/FY17. She also mentioned although it doesn't affect the water dept budget, health insurance costs will be going up for the district.

<u>Clerk/Collector</u> – Late penalties were applied to overdue accounts for a total of \$4,900.00.

Due to scheduling conflicts in February, next meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 26th at 4pm so that all committee members can be present.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.