

Town of Corning
Public Hearing
May 10, 2017

Supervisor Feehan called the meeting to order.

Roll call of members present.

Present	Absent
Councilman Mike Brenning	Councilman Gary Mapes
Councilman Stuart Sammis	
Councilman Dave Shafer	

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Councilman Shafer made the motion to leave regular session and enter into the Public Hearing regarding the Pinewood Acres Water District. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jeff Smith from Municipal Solutions was present to offer information to the residents of the water district concerning the need for a rate increase. He began by explaining the reason it is needed is because the district is operating at a deficit of \$8,600.00 by the end of this quarter. The rate increase will eliminate the deficit and build a reserve to be used only by the Pinewood District. He also informed those present that the Town purchases the water from the Village of South Corning. The cost of that water accounts for 95% of the revenue received from the residents. Therefore, a deficit is already created before any costs are incurred from the utilities, labor or testing. He suggested the Board approve the new rate structure as follows.

Increase the rate from \$27.00 per first 7,050 gallons to \$45.00 per first 3,750 gallons.

The \$5.00 rate fee for each 750 gallons thereafter would remain the same.

A meter charge for 2" meters would be set at \$65.00 per quarter and a 6" meter would be charged \$605.00 per quarter both are located at the college. No charge for the 5/8 meters for residents.

With the new rate structure in place, it will be more equitable for the college as well as the residents. Currently the residents are paying a yearly total of \$11,485.00 and the college a total of \$13,575.00. Using the new rates, the anticipated amount paid by the residents should be \$16,800.00 yearly and the college \$30,850.00 yearly.

One of the residents had concerns that the usage data may not be correct. Supervisor Feehan suggested a survey be sent out asking residents about leaks and about how many users in the household, and possibly spot checking the meters of 5 of the higher users and 5 of the lower users.

She also explained the need for a Town owned water source for the Pinewood District. There is funding available from the State, but she fears the application dead line may be too close, at least for this year.

Councilman Sammis made the motion to leave the Public Hearing at 7:40. Councilman Brenning seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The motion to approve Resolution #20 of 2017 regarding increasing the Pinewood Water District rates was made by Councilman Sammis, and seconded by Councilman Shafer. All in favor, motion carried.

The motion to adjourn at 7:47 was made by Councilman Sammis and seconded by Councilman Shafer. All in favor, motion carried.

These minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Edwards
Town Clerk