

6:00 PM

## ISSUE WITH SCHRUMAN RESIDENCE

Meeting began at 6:00pm.

Attendance: McCormick, Nolan, Thomas, Evans, Blackstock, and Skelton Absent: Albers

Chairman Thomas explained the reason for the meeting and what the issues were at the Schruman residence; 1) excessive water leak 2) citizen turned water back on without instruction, permission or inspection and 3) possible forgiveness.

All trustees present read the timeline that was created and provided by Coon for clarity on the situation.

There was discussion about what parts were used in the repairs that had been done to date and the inadequacy of said parts.

Coon reported that Peggy Schruman had the water forgiveness policy explained to her and a copy of it sent to her house.

There was discussion about previous citizens being allowed to turn their own water service back on. Thomas and McCormick explained that this has only been done when given the proper permission and inspection of leak was scheduled.

Skelton expressed that he did not feel it was right for Travis to receive a ticket and that a warning would have maybe been more appropriate since Travis had been allowed to restore his own service previously. Thomas reminded everyone that this is the reason for the water forgiveness policy in the first place, to deter this type of unauthorized action. McCormick and Thomas reported that Travis had indicated he was fine with paying the fine. Blackstock asked about the locking of meters. Conrad explained that this only happens when a meter gets shut off due to non-payment.

Conrad and Thomas reported that they had counseled with Travis about the importance of proper insulation and/or heating of the water pipes to deter from freezing.

There was discussion about what to charge Peggy Schruman and if the water forgiveness is a possibility. Coon reported that the average monthly water bill based on the prior six (6) months of service to be \$47.46.

The location of the repairs done and needed was explained by Conrad.

Recommendation:

Once repairs and insulation are done and the water service is restored then the account will be calculated with the \$150.00 already received deducted and the remaining balance will be forgiven.

Blackstock asked the board to consider looking into the village purchasing heat tape and/or hay bales to hand out or loan out to citizens as it is needed.

Meeting completed at 6:35 pm.

Recorded by: Stacy Coon, Village Clerk