

M A N I T O B A                    )     Order No. 132/13  
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT    )     October 24, 2013

BEFORE:   Susan Proven, P.H.Ec, Acting Chair  
           Marilyn Kapitany, B.Sc. (Hons.), M.Sc., Member

VILLAGE OF MCCREARY  
WATER AND SEWER UTILITY  
REVISED WATER AND SEWER RATES  
and  
APPROVAL FOR 2009, 2010 and 2011 DEFICITS

**Summary**

The Public Utilities Board (Board) hereby varies the application made by the Village of McCreary (Village) and approves revised rates for the water and sewer Utility (Utility) effective September 1, 2013 with further increases on September 1, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

The current and revised water and sewer rates are noted below:

	Current	Approved 2013	Increase/Decrease	Approved 2014	Increase/Decrease	Approved 2015	Increase/Decrease	Approved 2016	Increase/Decrease
Quarterly Service Charge	\$4.00	\$26.02	551%	\$26.54	2.00%	\$27.07	2.00%	\$27.60	1.96%
Water \$/ 1,000 gallons	\$5.60	\$6.41	14%	\$6.42	0.16%	\$6.55	2.02%	\$6.68	1.98%
Sewer \$/ 1,000 gallons	\$0.70	\$7.11	916%	\$7.19	1.13%	\$7.34	2.09%	\$7.48	1.91%
Minimum Quarterly - Water and Sewer*	\$29.20	\$80.10	174%	\$80.98	1.10%	\$82.63	2.04%	\$84.24	1.95%
Minimum Quarterly - Water Only*	\$26.40	\$51.66	96%	\$52.22	1.08%	\$53.27	2.01%	\$54.32	1.97%
Bulk Water \$/ 1,000 gallons	\$7.00	\$11.00	57%	\$11.00	0.00%	\$11.00	0.00%	\$11.00	0.00%
Reconnection Fee	\$10.00	\$50.00	400%	\$50.00	0.00%	\$50.00	0.00%	\$50.00	0.00%
Hydrant Rental (Annual)	\$50.00	\$50.00	0%	\$50.00	0.00%	\$50.00	0.00%	\$50.00	0.00%

\*Based on 4,000 gallons

Currently Quarterly Consumption over 20,000 gallons is charged out at \$5.35 per 1,000 gallons

Details of the rates may be found in the attached Schedule "A".

The Board will also approve deficits incurred in 2009 (\$56,459), 2010 (\$88,048) and 2011 (\$74,466), all to be absorbed within the Utility Fund Surplus.

While noting a reported deficit of \$48,600 in 2012 and an expected deficit in the 2013 operations, the Board will defer approving these deficits pending receipt of audited financial statements for each of those years.

**Background**

The Village provides water and sewer services to 284 customers. It also provides water-only services to three customers outside the Village boundaries.

*Water Supply/Distribution:*

The system draws its raw water from an aquifer; this is a 30 meter deep artesian well drilled into a sand and gravel aquifer.

The water is relatively pure and requires only filtration and chlorination processes. There are no capacity issues with the treated water system.

The distribution system consists of PVC and AC piping and includes 33 fire hydrants. The water distribution and wastewater collection systems are older having been put into service in approximately 1965.

Unaccounted for water was approximately 20% in 2011 and this is attributed to the age of the water line infrastructure. This is approximately double the industry standard of 10% water loss.

Treated water was in compliance with Canadian Drinking Water Standards in 2011. However, a Water Assessment conducted by the Village's engineering consultant recommended implementation of a water source protection plan so that adequate measures can be taken to ensure that the quality of the source water is maintained. They also recommended installation of online chlorine and turbidity monitoring equipment with data logging capabilities.

*Wastewater - collection/treatment:*

The Village has a three cell lagoon system that flows through a wetlands area, into Clarke drain and eventually into the Turtle River. There are no capacity issues with the sewer lagoons although the lagoons may require de-sludging at some point in the next few years.

The lagoon system is in compliance with the Village's environmental license.

The Village has two staff members who operate the Utility. One of these has an Operator in the Training status and the other one has a Class I designation necessary for the Village's infrastructure designations.

**Application**

The Village of McCreary filed an application for revised water and sewer rates on March 20, 2013.

Applications were also filed to approve deficits incurred from 2009 through to 2012, and a budgeted deficit in 2013.

Deficits

The Utility deficits reported in the audited financial statements in 2009, 2010, and 2011 were \$56,459, \$80,048 and \$76,466 respectively.

The draft financial statements for 2012 indicate a deficit of \$96,102.

The Council-approved 2013 budget shows that the Utility expects to incur a deficit of \$79,421 despite a planned transfer of \$25,000 from Reserves.

The primary reason cited for the deficits is the introduction of the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) standards which resulted in the recording of amortization expense, not previously taken into account in the Village's financial plans.

Rates:

The Village applied for rate increases to be effective September 1, 2013 with annual increases thereafter through to September 1, 2017.

A Public Notice of Application was issued in May 2013 affording customers the opportunity to comment to both the Board and the Utility with respect to the proposed increases. One comment was received.

The Board has at its disposal two alternative processes to deal with rate applications. It may determine that an oral hearing is warranted or that a paper review process is sufficient. Based on customer response to the Public Notice the Board concluded that a paper review process was in the best interest of all concerned.

The rates then proposed were based on expenditure projections to 2015.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>General</b>					
Administration	\$50,100	\$50,000	\$25,813	\$26,329	\$26,856
Training Costs	\$2,575	\$4,000	\$4,080	\$4,162	\$4,245
Billing And Collection	\$1,098	\$1,000	\$1,020	\$1,040	\$1,061
Consultants	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0
Utilities	\$12,527	\$4,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total General Expenses</b>	<b>\$66,300</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>	<b>\$30,913</b>	<b>\$31,531</b>	<b>\$32,162</b>
Penalties	\$445	\$500	\$510	\$520	\$531
Admin Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Connection Charges	\$80	\$100	\$102	\$104	\$106
Investment Income	\$1,054	\$1,000	\$1,020	\$1,040	\$1,061
<b>Total General Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,579</b>	<b>\$1,600</b>	<b>\$1,632</b>	<b>\$1,665</b>	<b>\$1,698</b>
<b>Net Costs General</b>	<b>\$64,721</b>	<b>\$58,400</b>	<b>\$29,281</b>	<b>\$29,866</b>	<b>\$30,464</b>

<b>Water Revenue Requirements</b>					
Purification And Treatment	\$8,183	\$16,000	\$36,000	\$36,720	\$37,454
Transmission And Distribution	\$12,143	\$13,000	\$13,260	\$13,525	\$13,796
Water Purchases	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Amortization/ Depreciation	\$16,210	\$16,210	\$16,065	\$15,920	\$15,920
Interest On Long Term Debt	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Reserves	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Sub-Total- Water Expenses</b>	<b>\$36,536</b>	<b>\$48,210</b>	<b>\$65,325</b>	<b>\$66,165</b>	<b>\$67,170</b>
Bulk Water Fees	\$4,062	\$4,000	\$4,508	\$5,710	\$6,612
Hydrant Rentals	\$0	\$0	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250
Water Card Sales	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Amortization Of Capital Grants	\$0	\$0	\$2,248	\$2,248	\$2,248
Taxation Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Non-Rate Revenue - Water</b>	<b>\$4,062</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$8,006</b>	<b>\$9,208</b>	<b>\$10,110</b>
<b>Net Rate Revenue Requirement - Water</b>	<b>\$32,474</b>	<b>\$44,210</b>	<b>\$57,319</b>	<b>\$56,957</b>	<b>\$57,060</b>
<b>Sewer Revenue Requirement</b>					
Collection System Costs	\$4,954	\$5,000	\$20,200	\$20,604	\$21,016
Sewer Back Subsidy-Prov Prog	\$0	\$7,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sewage Treatment And Disposal	\$1,151	\$4,500	\$4,590	\$4,682	\$4,775
Lift Station costs	\$785	\$5,800	\$5,916	\$6,034	\$6,155
Other Sewage Collection & Disposal Costs	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,060	\$3,121	\$3,184
Connection Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Amortization/ Depreciation	\$40,229	\$40,229	\$40,229	\$40,229	\$40,229
Interest On Long Term Debt	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Sewer Expenses</b>	<b>\$47,119</b>	<b>\$66,029</b>	<b>\$73,995</b>	<b>\$74,670</b>	<b>\$75,359</b>
Water And Sewer Billing Revenue					
Connection Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Tank Pump-Out	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Amortization Of Capital Grants	\$0	\$0	\$12,114	\$12,114	\$12,114
Taxation Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Non-Rate Revenue- Sewer</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$12,114</b>	<b>\$12,114</b>	<b>\$12,114</b>
<b>Net Rate Revenue - Sewer</b>	<b>\$47,119</b>	<b>\$66,029</b>	<b>\$61,881</b>	<b>\$62,556</b>	<b>\$63,245</b>

The financial projections were based on historical results, adding in known current factors and taking into account an expected inflation rate of 2%.

There was no contingency provision built into the rate requirements nor was there any amount identified for the building of reserves.

**Cost allocation methodology**

The Board requires all municipalities to review the costs shared between the general operations of the Municipality and the Utility, and to allocate appropriate and reasonable costs to the Utility, based on a policy known as a Cost Allocation Methodology. This policy must be submitted to the Board for approval and cannot be changed without receiving approval from the Board. The Board's requirements regarding cost allocation methodologies can be found in Board Order No. 93/09.

The rate study proposed a new cost allocation methodology. In the past, 25% of the chief administrative officer's and 50% of the office assistant's salaries were charged to the Utility. Under the new methodology, it has been determined that the Utility represents 25% of the total expenses of the Village. The costs for the clerk and staff as well as office expenses, legal fees and audit fees are proposed to be charged to the Utility at 25% under the submitted methodology.



The rates, based on expenditure projections, were applied for as follows:

	Current	Proposed					
		Sept 1, 2013	Inc/Dec	Sept 1, 2014	Inc/Dec	Sept 1, 2015	Inc/Dec
Quarterly Service Charge	\$4.00	\$12.27	207%	\$26.54	116.30%	\$27.07	2.00%
Water \$/per 1,000 gallons	\$5.60	\$5.97	4.82%	\$6.43	9.54%	\$6.56	2.02%
Sewer \$/per 1,000 gallons	\$0.70	\$3.29	370.00%	\$7.20	118.84%	\$7.34	1.94%
Minimum Quarterly -Water and Sewer*	\$29.20	\$48.91	68%	\$81.06	65.73%	\$82.67	1.99%
Minimum Quarterly -Water Only*	\$26.40	\$35.75	35.42%	\$52.26	46.18%	\$53.31	2.01%
Bulk Water \$/per 1,000 gallons	\$7.00	\$8.00	14.29%	\$11.00	37.50%	\$11.00	0.00%
Reconnection Fee	\$10.00	\$50.00	400.00%	\$50.00	0.00%	\$50.00	0.00%
Hydrant Rental (Annual)	\$50.00	\$50.00	0.00%	\$50.00	0.00%	\$50.00	0.00%

\*Based on 4,000 gallons

Currently quarterly consumption over 20,000 gallons is charged out at \$5.35 per 1,000 gallons

The rate increases were proposed to be effective September 1 in each of the years.

Because of the dramatic increases to the Quarterly Service Charge and to the Sewer Rate, it was proposed to phase-in the indicated rates over a two-year period in order to lessen the rate shock. The full indicated rate for each of these would only become effective September 1, 2014.

The rates for the last three years were determined by adding 2% in each of those years.

**Stakeholder Response**

Board staff forwarded the Village a copy of an email from a customer who expressed concerns specifically with the quality of the water, which was in contradiction to the indications in both the Engineering Report and the Rate Study which indicated that there were no quality problems with the water.

The Village advises that it is gathering reports and will be sending a registered letter to the customer requesting access to take water samples within her home. Her email was the first mention of water quality problems. The Village will undertake to provide these test results to the Board upon receipt.

**Board Findings**

Deficits:

The Board will approve the deficits incurred in 2009, 2010 and 2011 to be recovered from the Utility fund surplus. Those deficits have already been applied against the Utility fund balance as at December 31, 2011 and despite this, the Utility continues to show a positive working capital balance:

	December 31, 2011
Fund Surplus	\$ 1,171,185
Less Tangible Capital Assets	1,018,122
Long-Term Debt	nil-
Plus Replacement Reserves	113,893
Plus Water Plant Reserve	61,794
Working Capital Surplus	328,750

**Working capital calculation**

In Board Order No. 93/09, the Board established that utilities should maintain a minimum Working Capital Surplus, in an amount equal to 20% of annual expenses. The Working Capital Surplus is defined as the Utility Fund balance, excluding any capital related items plus Utility Reserves.

The Board will withhold final approval of the 2012 reported deficit until it receives the audited financial statements for the year.

Similarly, while the Board understands that a deficit is likely to be incurred in 2013, given the rate insufficiency that currently exists, it will await receipt of the final results for 2013 as evidenced by the audited financial statements before giving its final approval.

Rates:

The Board will approve revised rates for the McCreary Water and Sewer Utility, however, the application has been varied as follows.

The Board understands the Village's desire to phase in the rather substantial rate increases that are indicated by this rate study. The magnitude of the increases will certainly constitute rate shock.

However, the Board takes into account the fact that the last rate change was over 30 years ago, in 1982. The Board has encouraged municipalities through various communications to ensure that they are regularly updating their rate requirements. By waiting 30 years to address this issue, the Utility is certainly triggering rate shock, which clearly could have been avoided through regular rate reviews in the intervening years. The Board will direct that the Village make more regular submissions in the future.

By law, Manitoba utilities are not allowed to incur deficits. In the event that a deficit does occur, the Utility is required to obtain Board approval for a recovery methodology. The Board is therefore duty bound to approve reasonable rates based on reasonable expense projections. The Board has reviewed the Village's budgeted expenditures, and finds them to be reasonable.

The Board is cognizant of the significant deficits which this Utility has been incurring for the last five years. While sympathetic to the effects of rate shock, the Board will nonetheless implement the indicated rates, i.e., those determined by an analysis of the revenue requirements. The indicated rates will be implemented on September 1, 2013.

In setting these rates, the Board has noted that there is no provision in the rate requirements for contingencies or for contributions to reserves.

While there appear to be adequate reserves set aside, contingencies are usually contemplated for unforeseen events that will add to operating expenses beyond budget. Should such contingencies arise, all else being equal; the Utility will experience further deficits. The Board will direct the Utility to return with a rate proposal for 2018. Should unforeseen situations arise which give an indication that approved rates are insufficient, the Board will expect the Utility to return with a rate proposal at that time.

The Board is concerned with unaccounted-for water losses of 20% and encourages the Village to seek solutions that will reduce these losses to within acceptable levels.

Board decisions may be appealed in accordance with the provisions of Section 58 of *The Public Utilities Board Act*, or reviewed in accordance with Section 36 of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. The water and sewer rates for the Village of McCreary Water and Sewer Utility, as set out in Schedule "A" to this Order, BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROVED.
2. The revised Cost Allocation Methodology as submitted BE AND IS HEREBY APPROVED.
3. The Village of McCreary revise its water and sewer rate By-law to be consistent with the attached Schedule and submit a copy to the Board once it has received third and final reading.
4. The operating deficits incurred by the Village of McCreary Utility in 2009 (\$56,459), 2010 (\$88,048) and 2011 (\$74,466), BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROVED to be absorbed by the Utility Fund Surplus.
5. The Village of McCreary submit an application for approval of its 2012 and 2013 deficits, should these materialize, along with the audited financial statements for the respective years.

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6. The Village of McCreary review its water and sewer rates for adequacy and file a report with the Public Utilities Board, as well as an application for revised rates if required, by no later than January 30, 2017.

Fees payable upon this Order - \$500.00

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"SUSAN PROVEN, P.H.Ec."\_

Acting Chair

"JENNIFER DUBOIS, CMA"

Acting Secretary

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**SCHEDULE "A"**  
**VILLAGE OF MCCREARY**  
**WATER & SEWER UTILITY**

**1. Commodity rates per 1,000 gallons-**

	Sep 1, 2013	Sep 1, 2014	Sep 1, 2015	Sep 1, 2016
Water \$/per 1,000 gallons	\$6.41	\$6.42	\$6.55	\$6.68
Sewer \$/per 1,000 gallons	\$7.11	\$7.19	\$7.34	\$7.48
Total water and sewer /per 1,000 gallons	\$13.52	\$13.61	\$13.89	\$14.16

**2. Minimum Charges Quarterly –**

Notwithstanding the Commodity rates set forth in paragraph 1 hereof, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges set out below, which will include water allowances indicated:

**(a) Water & Sewer Customers –September 1, 2013**

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Water Included (Gallons)	Customer Service Charge	Water Commodity Charge	Sewer Commodity Charge	Water and Sewer Total Quarterly Minimum	Water Only Quarterly Minimum
5/8" or 3/4"	1	4,000	\$26.02	\$25.64	\$28.44	\$80.10	\$51.66
1"	4	16,000	\$26.02	\$102.56	\$113.76	\$242.34	\$128.58
1 1/2"	10	40,000	\$26.02	\$256.40	\$284.40	\$566.82	\$282.42
2"	25	100,000	\$26.02	\$641.00	\$711.00	\$1,378.02	\$667.02

**(b) Metered Water Only Customers**

Quarterly minimum charge is the same for each meter size as shown in the table above, except that the Sewer Commodity charge is excluded.

**(c) Water & Sewer Customers – September 1, 2014**

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Water Included (Gallons)	Customer Service Charge	Water Commodity Charge	Sewer Commodity Charge	Water and Sewer Total Quarterly Minimum	Water Only Quarterly Minimum
5/8"	1	4,000	\$26.54	\$25.68	\$28.76	\$80.98	\$52.22
1"	4	16,000	\$26.54	\$102.72	\$115.04	\$244.30	\$129.26
1 1/2"	10	40,000	\$26.54	\$256.80	\$287.60	\$570.94	\$283.34
2"	25	100,000	\$26.54	\$642.00	\$719.00	\$1,387.54	\$668.54

**(d) Metered Water Only Customers**

Quarterly minimum charge is the same for each meter size as shown in the table above, except that the Sewer Commodity charge is excluded.

**(e) Water & Sewer Customers – September 1, 2015**

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Water Included (Gallons)	Customer Service Charge	Water Commodity Charge	Sewer Commodity Charge	Water and Sewer Total Quarterly Minimum	Water Only Quarterly Minimum
5/8"	1	4,000	\$27.07	\$26.20	\$29.36	\$82.63	\$53.27
1"	4	16,000	\$27.07	\$104.80	\$117.44	\$249.31	\$131.87
1 1/2"	10	40,000	\$27.07	\$262.00	\$293.60	\$582.67	\$289.07
2"	25	100,000	\$27.07	\$655.00	\$734.00	\$1,416.07	\$682.07

**(f) Metered Water Only Customers**

Quarterly minimum charge is the same for each meter size as shown in the table above, except that the Sewer Commodity charge is excluded.



**(g) Water & Sewer Customers – September 1, 2016**

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Water Included (Gallons)	Customer Service Charge	Water Commodity Charge	Sewer Commodity Charge	Water and Sewer Total Quarterly Minimum	Water Only Quarterly Minimum
5/8"	1	4,000	\$27.60	\$26.72	\$29.92	\$84.24	\$54.32
1"	4	16,000	\$27.60	\$106.88	\$119.68	\$254.16	\$134.48
1 1/2"	10	40,000	\$27.60	\$267.20	\$299.20	\$594.00	\$294.80
2"	25	100,000	\$27.60	\$668.00	\$748.00	\$1,443.60	\$695.60

**(h) Metered Water Only Customers**

Quarterly minimum charge is the same for each meter size as shown in the table above, except that the Sewer Commodity charge is excluded.

**3. Bulk Water Sales Rate**

Effective September 1, 2013, bulk water shall be sold at the rate of \$11.00 per thousand gallons.

*Clauses 4 to 14 are effective September 1, 2013*

**4. Service to customers outside Village of McCreary Limits:**

The Council of the Village of McCreary may sign agreements with customers for the provision of water and sewer services to properties located outside the legal boundaries of the Village. Such agreements shall provide for payment of the appropriate rates set out in the schedule, as well as a surcharge, set by resolution of Council, which shall be equivalent to the frontage levy, general taxes and special taxes for utility purposes in effect at that time, war may be in effect from time to time, and would be levied on property concerned if it were within these boundaries. In addition, all costs of connecting to the Utility’s mains, and installing and maintaining service connections will be paid by the customer.

**5. Billings and Penalties**

Accounts shall be billed quarterly based on water use. A late payment penalty charge of 1 1/4% compounded monthly shall be charged on the dollar amount owing after the billing due date. The due date will be at least 20 days after the mailing of the bills.

**6. Disconnections**

The Public Utilities Board has approved the Conditions Precedent to be followed by the Village with respect to the disconnection of service for non-payment including, such matters, as notice and the right to appeal such action to the Public Utilities Board. A copy of the Conditions Precedent is available for inspection at the Village's office.

**7. Reconnection**

Any service disconnected due to non-payment of account shall not be reconnected until all arrears, penalties and a reconnection fee of \$50.00 have been paid.

**8. Outstanding Bills**

Pursuant to Section 252(2) of *The Municipal Act*, the amount of all outstanding charges for water and sewer service are a lien and charge upon the land serviced, and shall be collected in the same manner in which ordinary taxes upon the land are collectible, and with like remedies. Where charges and penalties pursuant to this bylaw are not paid within 60 days from the date when they were incurred, said charges and penalties shall be added to the taxes on the property and collected in the same manner as other taxes.

**9. Hydrant Rentals**

A charge of \$50.00 per hydrant per year shall be made upon the General Fund of the Village for the provision of fire protection services which includes the cost of water.

**10. Sewage Surcharges**

(a) There may be levied annually, in addition to rates set forth above, a special surcharge on sewage having a Biochemical Oxygen demand in excess of 300 parts per million, to be set by resolution of Council.

(b) A special surcharge for substances requiring special treatment shall be charged based on the actual costs of treatment required for the particular sewage or industrial waste.

**11. Meter Testing**

Any customer wishing to have a meter tested for accuracy will pay in advance a fee of \$50, plus any applicable meter testing costs and associated costs will be refunded to the customer and the customer's account will be reviewed and adjusted accordingly.

**12. Meter Tampering**

Where there is evidence of meter tampering, minimum charge of \$500 will be applied to the customer's account in addition to an amount calculated to adjust for the tampering based on historical usage.

**13. Cross Connections**

No customer person shall connect, cause to be connected or allowed to remain connected any typing, fixture, fitting, container or appliance in a manner which under any circumstances may allow water, wastewater or any harmful liquid or substance to enter the Villages water system.

If a condition is found to exist which, in the opinion of the Village, is contrary to the aforesaid, the Village make you either:

- shut off the service or services, or
- give notice to the customer to correct the fault that his or her or her own expense within a specific period of time.

If the customer fails to comply with such notice, the Village shall proceed in accordance with clause 1 of this section.

**14. Authorization For Officer To Enter Upon Any Premises**

The Public Works Foreman, or other employee authorized by the Village in the absence of the Public Works Foreman, shall be authorized to enter upon any premise for the purposes of:

- affixing to any pipe, wire or apparatus connected with any such utility, a meter or any other measuring or testing device; or
- taking readings from, repairing, inspecting or removing any meter or apparatus belonging to the Village.