

been using the Spring Line and getting approval to use the Spring Line for all those years. The Forest Service and Town Attorney agree that there will not be any problems with future use of the Spring Line, and the Town will only need to provide proof of use of the Spring Line for all those years.

3. Discussion and Consideration of Fencing Water Tank on 12th Street

Milt Nelson had acquired three quotes for fencing of the 12th Street Water Tank. One fence company is no longer operating and one of the others will not touch the project. This leaves a quote of \$5400 from Liberty Fence, which will honor this quote that was originally given in January of 2007. ADEQ requires a six foot chain link with one foot security topping, the Town requires a twelve foot gate.

Rick Pinckard said the financing will be available in October or November. Milt Nelson said that Liberty Fence will probably accept a purchase order.

B. WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

1. Discussion and Consideration of Wastewater Rates for Multiple Housing Units

Sewer charges are \$22.47 for single family homes; and for 12 months the Town is losing \$632 per month per multiple housing units. Currently multiple housing units are charge based upon an average of three months usage. Other municipalities that Mr. Pinckard checked with are charging a base fee plus water usage for multiple housing units.

The members of the Utilities Board would like more comparisons made with towns of similar size and bring back this item at next month's meeting.

2. Springerville – Eagar Effluent Project Update

ADEQ is requiring Springerville to respond with requested information. Milt Nelson explained that between Springerville, Eagar, and Game and Fish he feels they have provided ample information and he doesn't know what else can be submitted. He reported that Springerville is getting very frustrated with the whole process. Game and Fish has already laid the pipes and valves necessary for the transfer of effluent. Springerville has 60 days to respond to ADEQ's requests.

C. PUBLIC WORKS / ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITY REPORT

1. Discussion of the 2007-08 Utility Budget

Rick Pinckard said that there is nothing more to report on this issue.

D. OTHER DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Discussion and Consideration of a Department of Commerce Grant – Alternative Energy Sources

Kim Holaway and Bill Greenwood have met with representatives from Department of Commerce, Robin Boudreau, and Navopache Electric, Dennis Hughes. Mr. Boudreau has advised Ms. Holaway that the Energy Planning Grant has \$45,000 and \$15,000 is the maximum amount that will be granted to each awardee. It is believed that this grant may be able to fund a study or master plan to find alternative energy sources conducive to this area. Bob Butler has put in a lot of leg work in researching the possibility of an alternative energy source for the area.

Northern Arizona University does not have any towers at this time to lease out for a study. It seems that wind towers are in very high demand right now with a shortage in the United States.

Global Energy will be meeting with the Blue Hills Environmental Board tomorrow morning on whether Blue Hills will buy into this alternative energy source. Mr. Greenwood reported that there is a Plan B to produce wood ethanol from the abundant wood byproducts available in the area.

5. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at 12:00 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Bill Greenwood moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 p.m. Seconded by Dennis Bigelow; all were in favor.

Chair Kim Holaway