

**Village of St. Johnsville Board Meeting to Address
Fire Contracts, and Water and Sewer Rate Changes
Monday June 16th 5pm Community House**

Present: Mayor White, Trustees: Gary Warn, Steve Elwood,
Melissa Baker, Auditor: John Lull

Public: Nino Polidori, Clark MacLauchlin, John Lewandowski, Larry
Schoff, Dennis Clark, Bob Dennis, Art Dockerty, Jeff Swartz, Chris
Weaver, Donna Springer, Charlie Straney, Mary Rackmyer, Stephanie
Cuomo, Nick Cuomo, Dawn Lamphere, Commie Terricola

Meeting called to order at 5:00 by Mayor White

Pledge of Allegiance given.

Fire Contract discussion:

A discussion was held amongst the board and Chief Weaver concerning how to handle the amount to bill outlying Towns for fire coverage in 2026. The options are by % rate of increase or by tax ley assessment of each parcel.

If the assessed value is used, we will need to involve the town assessor.

We will ask the Town of Danube will consider a 1 year contract instead of 2.

The Town of Palatine has a 2 year contract, and will not need to be addressed this year.

Contract will be sent to attorney Mastromoro for review. The clause concerning non-acceptance of the contract with the ability to negotiate a different amount, will be removed.

Water and Sewer rates and billing:

John Lull addressed the fact that water and sewer rates have not been correctly calculated for the past 3 years, and it has affected our AFR filings. Sewer rates need to be higher than water rates to correctly correct the balances in the water and sewer accounts, which will be separated into 2 accounts, rather than co-mingling the funds. The idea of quarterly billing was discussed. The minimum water bill will go to \$175.00 which is a raise of \$25.00. The sewer rate is yet to be adjusted.

The public comment on fire contracts involved making a fairer system for outside towns who contract with the Village for fire service.

Public comment on water and sewer involved concerns over raising the rates and lowering the cubic feet of water allowed for minimum billing. Spring water bills come right before Tax bills. Some support of quarterly billing noted.

No decisions made on either subject.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02