

**PUBLIC HEARING
MAY 19, 2011
WATER SURCHARGE
7:15**

Present: Mayor Blundell, DM Kovalchik, Trustee Trapp, Trustee Seymour, Trustee Norris

Trustee Seymour opened the meeting with a discussion on a water surcharge per quarter, per resident. Central Hudson made an error in billing with the meters on the pumps that run the water pumps. The Village was billed 5175 KW a year and it should have been 207,000 KW a year. The incorrect multiplier was used, which resulted in a billing increase of \$ 45,000.00 for a period of 14 months. At this time Trustee Seymour would like to propose an annual surcharge of \$ 5.00 a month and at the end of a year it will be discussed to raise water rates. At this time water usage is down. Several options were proposed with larger amounts for a surcharge and the additional funds would be used for flow testing within the water system. Clerk Cole will put this notice in the next newsletter informing them that this is an error of Central Hudson. No local law is necessary, can be passed by resolution. Trustee Seymour made a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee Norris seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by,

Cynthia Cole
Clerk/Treasurer