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**7-5-6: WATER METERS:****A. Meters Required:**

- 1) All premises using the village water supply must be equipped with an adequate water meter furnished by the village, but paid for by the consumer; provided, that such water service may be supplied by the village at a flat rate of charge until such meter is installed.
- 2) During the construction of any building and before any water is installed as is herein provided, the contractor so constructing such building may be permitted to use the village water supply by making application therefor and paying the flat fee prescribed by the board of trustees.
- 3) Before any premises are occupied, a water meter shall be installed therein as herein required, or application be made for such water service at the flat rate of charge until the meter can be installed, or no water shall be furnished such premises.
- 4) Water meters and remote readers are the property of the village. Removing, tampering or disabling the meter shall result in a \$750 tampering fee, charges for the new water meter and restoration of service being added to the water bill.
- 5) Village personnel must have access to the water meter and remote reader, consumers are prohibited from blocking access to the meter or remote reader. Keep shrubs and vegetation from the remote reader. Obstructing a meter or remote reader may result in a \$250 obstruction fee for each occurrence being added to the water bill.

B. **Type of Meter:** All meters and metering configurations shall be approved by the superintendent of water. The American Water Works Association (AWWA) standards for metering devices shall apply as a minimum standard.

C. **Reading Meters:** The superintendent of water shall read or cause to be read every water meter used in the village at such times as are necessary, but not less than once annually to determine accuracy of village records as they relate to actual meter readings. (1989 Code)

D. **Testing Meters:** Any customer may request that the village test that customer's municipal water meter. If such test indicates that the water meter is not within plus or minus two percent ( $\pm 2\%$ ) of being accurate, then the village, in the exercise of its sole discretion and without charge, either shall repair and reinstall the water meter or shall install a new water meter. If such test indicates that the water meter is accurate within plus or minus two percent ( $\pm 2\%$ ), a one hundred dollar (\$100) testing fee shall be added to the customer's water bill. The village shall notify the customer of such test results in writing within fifteen (15) days after the village receives written test results, and the village shall provide the customer with a copy of the report documenting such test results. Nothing in this section shall be construed or applied to require the village to reimburse to any customer any fees or charges paid by such customer for water, and the village shall not be required to so reimburse any customer.

E. **Temporary Metering:** On request and in the exercise of the village's sole discretion based on factors such as the proposed use of the water, the availability of a sufficient supply of water

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to satisfy the request, the capability of the water supply system to satisfy the request without adverse impact on customers of the water supply system, the timing of the request, the overall effects on the village's water system if water is supplied as requested, the potential impacts on the general public health, safety, and welfare from satisfying the request, and other factors as the village reasonably may determine, the village may authorize temporary use of the village's fire hydrants and other water supply sources and temporary placement of water meters to measure water flow from such sources. No such temporary use shall be allowed, and no water meter shall be placed, except after payment of a fee of ~~fifty~~ dollars (\$50.00). The required fee shall apply each time a water meter is placed, moved, or replaced up to a maximum of three (3) times the required fee in any day. The cost of the water thereby supplied shall be as determined by the board of trustees from time to time, but in no event shall be less than the highest cost of water supplied by the village to a regular customer.

F. Meter replacement: From time to time it may become necessary to replace water meters throughout the village. As part of a large-scale water meter replacement:

- 1) The village shall introduce the meter replacement program through press releases, mailings and information posted on the village website and social media outlets.
- 2) Consumers are to cooperatively schedule replacement of the meter with the village or its designee.
- 3) Failure to schedule a meter replacement within 45 days of the introduction of the large-scale program shall result in a monthly old-meter fee of \$95 being added to the water bill until the meter is replaced.
- 4) Failure to provide access on two consecutive scheduled meter replacement or repair appointments shall result in a monthly old-meter fee of \$95 being added to the water bill until the meter is replaced.
- 5) Consumers that have incurred the old-meter fee for 6 consecutive months shall be added to the shut-off list.

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