

February 17, 2014

Points to Ponderby Council Woman Nancy Leek,

In this letter to you, Citizens of Ozawkie, there will be more pondering than points. The holidays are past and we have had very cold weather and snow. The roads were cleared by Scott Gibson very early in the morning and during the day. Sam Mowder was also working. To keep our roads clear, a mixture of sand and salt was used. Of course these items are not always available during the weather we have had. A reminder, keep your cars/trucks off the streets when the snow falls. The cold weather also had an adverse affect on our water tower. There was an ice water fall and two feet of frozen water in our tower. Scott and Mel bought a heater to thaw out the tower. Scott spent many hours working on the tower and making sure we all had water. While I watched Scott, Mel and Sam, I still am amazed how quick they made the repairs.

We have received the contract to sign for our waster water (sewer) loan. Our new city lawyer, Lee Hendricks, has read the contract from both KDHE and B&G., so have the city council members. This is a 20 year loan. There will be a TOWN HALL meeting March 10th at 6:00 pm at City Hall to explain our next steps and to sign both contracts. Below are the rates we have to have to repay our loan. There are 260 homes in Ozawkie but the below figures show rates for 245 houses. I asked for 245 houses because not all 260 houses are always occupied. I am asking all of you to ponder this information carefully. The below rates are the monthly minimums for our waste water (sewer), we cannot go lower, but we can go higher.

RATE BASED ON 245 HOUSES
Mo. Base Rate - \$25.90
of this \$1.70 goes in reserve

RATE BASED ON 245 HOUSES
Mo. Base Rate \$27.60
of this \$3.40 goes in reserve

As of now, there will be no change in our water rates for 2014.

Brian Kingsly of B & G and Rita Clary of KRWA will be at the meeting. Brian will have handouts for everyone explaining the process for the work ahead. Rita Clary will explain her assistance for all of us. I am very excited about the work that will be done and be assured, I will be there watching. I am grateful for your backing and encouragement. See you March 10th at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Thanks, your City Council Member, Nancy Leek