

**CITY OF SHAWNEETOWN**  
**WATER DEPARTMENT MEETING**  
**2/27/23**

1. Call to Order – June Rushing, Sheryl Scheer, Greg Krikie, Dr. Blain
2. Selection of Chair – Dr. Blain (unanimous decision)
3. Water Superintendent/Greg Krikie report:
  - a. Greg anticipates retirement in April 2023; he is open to continuing to perform contract labor with the city; he states the town will need a Class A operator to manage plumbing and water related needs
  - b. No leaks in town currently; occ stopped-up sewer line
  - c. Greg discussed that he is aware that the State of Illinois is considering at trying to set the price of water, but Rural Illinois advocacy group is attempting to block this
  - d. Discussed the town has about 500 meters
  - e. Discussed that the a new line from meter to Pharmacy is needed as its galvanized steel pipe has badly corroded; would be changing it out with a CTS pipe (a type of PVC piping)
  - f. Discussed billing cycles: bills are supposed to be due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month; if not fully paid by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month, the meters are then locked out on the following day
  - g. Greg recommended considering upscaling meters to digital; states other towns have done this as well; easier to bill and detect water leaks; Greg states that every meter in town has a check valve, so this will make it easier to accomplish and could be completed in under 30 days. Discussion ensued and committee felt this would benefit the town immensely.
  - h. Committee also felt that consideration of enhancing billing from our city hall would be beneficial; (ie, use of credit cards, direct withdrawals from bank; use of cell phone, etc).
4. Adjournment @ 5:40p; unanimous decision
5. Next meeting: April 24, 2023 @ 4p