

Village of Penn Yan, Inc



on Lake Keuka

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HISTORICAL NOTES:

The attached sheets are of an historical nature in that they show the development of the Watershed Perimeter Committee.

Whether all of the Steuben County towns ever adopted the resolution is a question no one seems to have a complete answer to.

W. Weber

/s



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
VILLAGE OF PENN YAN, NEW YORK

December 13, 1963

At the Perimeter Committee meeting on December 10, 1963, at the Town of Pulteney, the following items were agreed upon.

1. The ordinance will be passed at the first meeting in February.
2. Everyone will be billed by September 15th, of each year with an itemized statement prepared by the Municipal Board of the Village of Penn Yan, covering Mr. Moorehouse's time.
3. Mr. Moorehouse will meet with any Board who may request his presence to explain pollution control.
4. Enclosed is a copy of an amended portion of the resolution which will have to be passed by each township.

Herbert F. Fitch

Watershed

MINUTES OF THE PERIMETER COMMITTEE HELD MAY 13, 1963 IN THE TOWN OF MILO OFFICE IN PENN YAN, NEW YORK.

JOHN ANDREWS REVIEWED THE CONTROL OF THE WATER LEVEL, POINTING OUT THAT THE DAM OPERATION WAS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE VILLAGE OF PENN YAN.

DONALD SMITH, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE KEUKA LAKE SHORE PROPERTY OWNERS, PRESENTED THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

1. ALL OF YATES COUNTY UNDER THE GENEVA DISTRICT HAS POLLUTION CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT.
2. STEUBEN COUNTY HAS NO PROGRAM.
3. MR. HENNIGAN, FROM THE STATE OFFICE, HAS INFORMED DON SMITH THAT THIS COMMITTEE CAN REQUEST REGULATION FOR THE PERIMETER OF THE LAKE AND THE STATE WILL GRANT IT.

MR. HENRY SMITH, D.S.E., DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

1. INSUFFICIENT PERSONNEL FOR THE STATE TO CARRY OUT INDIVIDUAL ENFORCEMENT.
2. WATER SHED RULES IS A DIFFERENT THING FROM STREAM POLLUTION.
3. HE SUGGESTED: (A) WATER SHED RULES FOR THE PERIMETER OF THE LAKE;
(B) WILLIAM MOREHOUSE PRESENT INSPECTOR, HAD INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO SERVE ENTIRE AREA;
(C) COSTS OF INSPECTION TO BE PRO-RATED AMONG THE TOWNS.

MR. HENRY SMITH INDICATED AVERAGE COSTS 1952-1962, \$1250.00 PER YEAR FOR 1/3 OF THE LAKE. A FIGURE OF \$7500.00, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION AND EXPENSES WAS SUGGESTED FOR THE ENTIRE LAKE.

MR. DON SMITH, OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE, WILL MEET WITH THE TOWNS OF WAYNE, URBANA AND KEUKA COLLEGE TO EXPLAIN THE PROGRAM. ANOTHER MEETING IS TO BE HELD JUNE 18, 1963 AT THE TOWN OF MILO OFFICE, ARCADE BUILDING, PENN YAN.

ATTACHED IS A PROPOSED RESOLUTION AND PROPOSED COST DISTRIBUTION WHICH WILL BE FURTHER DISCUSSED AT THE JUNE 18, MEETING.

RESOLUTION
BY
MUNICIPALITIES BORDERING KEUKA LAKE
ON
SUBJECT OF POLLUTION

WHEREAS THE TOWNS OF URBANA, WAYNE, AND PULTENEY AND THE VILLAGE OF HAMMONDS-SPORT, ALL IN THE COUNTY OF STEUBEN, NEW YORK, AND THE TOWNS OF MILO, JERUSALEM, AND BARRINGTON AND THE VILLAGE OF PENN YAN, ALL IN THE COUNTY OF YATES, NEW YORK, HAVE BY RESOLUTIONS MADE ON OR ABOUT THE 5TH DAY OF JUNE, 1957, UNITED IN A CONTINUING ARRANGEMENT FOR FLOOD CONTROL OF KEUKA LAKE, AND

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK HAS HERETOFORE, AT THE REQUEST OF THE VILLAGE OF PENN YAN, IMPOSED REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE POLLUTION OF A PART OF THE LAKE ADJACENT TO SAID VILLAGE OF PENN YAN WHICH HAS PROVEN TO BE OF DOUBTFUL EFFECT IN VIEW OF THE FREEDOM FROM REGULATION ENJOYED BY THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF KEUKA LAKE,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE _____ HEREBY JOINS WITH THE OTHER TOWNS AND VILLAGES ABOVE MENTIONED IN REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK PLACE THE ENTIRE AREA OF KEUKA LAKE UNDER THE SAME REGULATIONS NOW PERTAINING TO THE NORTHERN PORTION ADJACENT TO PENN YAN AS SOON AS THE SAME CAN BE EFFECTIVE AND HEREBY ASSUMES THE OBLIGATION OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT TO THE EXTENT OF _____ PER CENT (%) OF THE COST THEREOF, ON CONDITION THAT THE OTHER TOWNS AND VILLAGES NAMED AGREE TO ASSUME THE PAYMENT OF THEIR FOLLOWING FRACTIONAL PARTS:

<u>MUNICIPALITY</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
TOWN OF WAYNE	10%
TOWN OF URBANA	8%
TOWN OF PULTENEY	10%
VILLAGE OF HAMMONDS-SPORT	10%
TOWN OF MILO	12%
TOWN OF JERUSALEM	20%
TOWN OF BARRINGTON	10%
VILLAGE OF PENN YAN	20%

THE CLERK OF THIS GOVERNING BODY IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO CERTIFY THAT THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN PASSED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

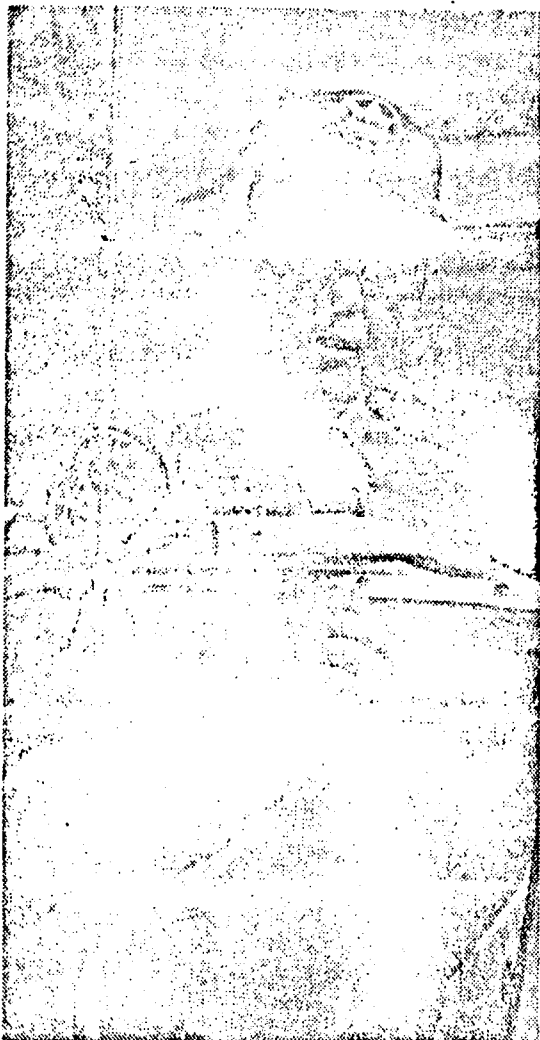
I, _____, CLERK OF THE _____ DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE COMPARED THE FOREGOING COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED THE _____ DAY OF _____, 1963, WITH THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN MY OFFICE AND THAT IT IS A CORRECT TRANSCRIPT THEREFROM.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I HAVE HERETO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE _____ M THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 1963.

CLERK

*APPARENTLY
NEVER
PASSED BY STEUBEN
COUNTY TOWNS, WAYNE &
PULTENEY,
NO Apparent Reason
(WW
31 Mar 84)*

*VILLAGE of HIPOPT & Town of URBANA
DID PASS & FILE
This Resolution - see attached.
WW
21 Mar 84*



D&C photo by Dick Eisenhart

Keuka Lake's William Moorehouse
... retiring watershed inspector

'Clean water' career ends for inspector

By DICK EISENHART

PENN YAN—Bill Moorehouse jokingly says he's going to Florida "to fish and chase blondes," and then he adds, "not necessarily in that order."

But blondes and fish probably won't be the only things Moorehouse will check out when he goes south.

Out of habit, he probably be checking the water quality when he gets down to Cedar Key.

It is the same work he has been doing for the 24 years he has served as Keuka Lake watershed inspector. But Moorehouse, 65, retired Friday.

Moorehouse is leaving behind a lot of clean water — Keuka Lake is rated Double "A", the best rating it can get.

The crew-cut, sun-glassed Moorehouse is known as well among environmentalists and conservationists around the state as he is among cottagers around the lake.

Frequently joking about everything except his work, he is serious when it comes to water quality and control.

"It was Sept 2, 1952, when it started," Moorehouse said "District sanitary engineer Henry J Smith set up the plans when we found out the regulations covering the lake really couldn't be enforced."

Moorehouse left his job at the Penn Yan municipal department's sewage treatment plant and became inspector. The six towns and two villages on the perimeter of the lake combined forces, forming the perimeter committee which controls the lake.

"It took three years to get things going," Moorehouse said, "but after all of the board meetings, I finally started making inspections."

"Actually the Keuka Lake Shore Property Owners Association deserves credit for what we have today. We started with regulations for the east branch of the lake and they couldn't see why it couldn't be for the whole thing."

Moorehouse said the association was responsible for getting the towns together (three towns each in Yates and Steuben counties) and the towns eventually wanted the regulations to cover the streams and tributaries going into the lake.

So Moorehouse has been checking the lake properties in the summer and the creeks and other water sources in the winter, making thousands of inspections over the years.

When it comes to proper septic systems, water regulations and quality control, Moorehouse's word is highly respected.

"The people usually have gone along with what should be done with no hassle," he said.

Of the thousands of inspections, he has had only six cases go to court, and they were settled to his satisfaction.

Moorehouse says he's often successful because "I like people." He also says it has taken more than just knowledge of water quality regulations. "A little psychology is relished by the best of men," he said.

MINUTES OF A Meeting of the Perimeter Committee held at the Village Offices, January 7, 1982 at 7:00 P.M. at Penn Yan, NY.

PRESENT: Perimeter Committee Members Fordyce Foster, C. Arthur Niver, James Multer, Anne Peterson, Loretta Hopkins (Jerusalem), Jack Snow (Milo), R. Bruce LeClaire.


OTHERS PRESENT: Maggie Knowlton & Constance Moorehouse Town of Urbana, Roger Wright, Dan Banach Trustees of the Village of Penn Yan, Wes Ryder, Bill Mahrt, Robert Heller, Robert Pinckney of the PYMB, Atty. Daniel Taylor and John T. Andrews, Keuka Lake Shore Property Owners Ass'n.

Village of Penn Yan Mayor LeClaire opened the meeting which had been requested by member Anne Peterson of the Town of Wayne. Attorney Taylor gave a brief history and requirements of the Perimeter and Watershed and mentioned that since September or October the Village of Penn Yan has litigation pending concerning a watershed certificate which was issued by the Watershed Inspector on a property that had changed hands a year previously. Question asked: Is certificate a guarantee? The certificate is merely to certify that the system (sewer) as originally installed did comply with the watershed requirements.

John T. Andrews gave a brief history of the perimeter committee and the watershed inspection program. The perimeter committee was formed in 1957 after flooding the previous year and to ensure the cleaning of the outlet on Keuka Lake as a flood control measure. It consists of an eight member committee with each paying a percentage of costs. In 1963 a man was hired to inspect the septic systems and other pollution violations around the lake, thus the watershed inspection program. The watershed percentages are based on populations in the two villages and six towns bordering the lake.

The primary purpose was a general discussion of the pro-rationing of the expenses among the committee and the watershed inspector's position. It was also suggested that the committee should meet on a regular basis of perhaps once a year.

There being no further business a MOTION by Mr. Foster and seconded by Mr. Pinckney the meeting was adjourned.


Shirley Condella, Village Clerk
Village of Penn Yan, New York

REPORT OF POLLUTION CONTROL - KEUKA, LAMOKA & WANETA LAKES

Along with the national and state effort to curb pollution of our public waters local authorities are striving to maintain clean clear water in Keuka, Lamoka and Waneta Lakes.

Adjoining townships to these lakes have combined their efforts through a Perimeter Committee to combat the pollution problem to safeguard the use of these lakes for recreational purposes. The last several years has seen the summer cottage giving way to year round homes, the row boat to speed boats and cruisers, vacant lots to camp sites and trailer parks. Such trends of the time compound the problems and create additional hazards for the waters of the lakes.

Out of necessity, to avert total contamination of the water, it has been essential to patrol the watershed and maintain an equilibrium between the forces of pollution and purity. The Village of Penn Yan, Hammondsport, Keuka Park, various industries and hundreds of cottage owners rely on the water for potable use.

Prior to the formation of the Perimeter Committee in 1963, the Village of Penn Yan, bore the burden of patrolling the east branch of the lake as far south as the bluff. The need for imposing regulations on the entire watershed was fully realized. Consequently, the formation of the Perimeter Committee, directed by the supervisors of the towns of Wayne, Urbana, Pulteney, Milo, Jerusalem, Barrington, Tyrone and the Mayors of the Village of Penn Yan and Hammondsport was organized to assume the obligation and enforcement of the rules of this watershed.

Since this program was instituted, co-operation of villages, industries and individuals, have been most gratifying in the effort

to control pollution in our lakes. A recent report, issued by Watershed Inspector William Moorehouse, indicated that a total of 779 inspections were made last year. Of these inspections 206 were for new septic tank or other sewage facilities in the process of being constructed, 56 were completed new facilities. Of the total, 130 violations were discovered with 112 abated during the year. 99 technical violations were reported and 149 found satisfactory upon inspection. 40 water courses, a constant source of pollution, were inspected to their source.

To understand the magnitude of this inspection program 125 inspections were made in the Town of Wayne, 119 inspections in the Town of Urbana including the Village of Hammondsport, 105 inspections were made in the Town of Pulteney, 57 in the Town of Milo, 181 in the Town of Jerusalem, 84 in the Town of Barrington, and 108 in the Town of Tyrone.

To underwrite the expense of this inspection program each township and village pays a proportional share of the cost. The estimated cost per year for the entire Watershed is \$9500.00.

Constant vigilance is of utmost importance in promoting this effort. The majority of people enjoying the lakes are more than willing to co-operate in this endeavor to retain this natural heritage for ourselves and posterity. For the few, not so inclined, each Town Board acts as a Town Board of Health to enforce the regulations and impose penalties where necessary.



Lake Keuka
VILLAGE OF PENN YAN, NEW YORK 1455

November 17, 1966

Excerpts from the minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held in their offices Monday evening, December 16, 1963, at 7:30 P.M..

"Motion made by Trustee Ways, seconded by Trustee LeClaire that the following amendment be made to the Resolution adopted September 16, 1963, on the Pollution of Keuka Lake".
Carried.

Twenty per cent (20%) of the cost thereof not to exceed \$5000.00 per year, on condition that the other Towns and Villages named agree to assume the payment of their following fractional parts:

<u>MUNICIPALITY</u>	<u>PER CENTAGE</u>
Town of Ways	10%
Town of Urbana	10%
Town of Pulteney	8%
Village of Hammondsport	5%
Town of Milo	10%
Town of Jerusalem	19%
Town of Barrington	10%
Town of Tyrone	8%
Village of Penn Yan	20%

CERTIFICATION OF VILLAGE CLERK:

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF YATES) SS
VILLAGE OF PENN YAN)

I, Thelma H. Falvey, Village Clerk of the Village of Penn Yan, do hereby certify, that I have compared the foregoing copy of resolution adopted December 16, 1963, the original on file of the same now remaining in my office, and that it is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Village of Penn Yan, at Penn Yan, New York, this 17th day of November 1966.

Thelma H. Falvey
Village Clerk

RESOLUTION
BY
MUNICIPALITIES BORDERING KEUKA LAKE
ON
SUBJECT OF POLLUTION

WHEREAS the Towns of Urbana, Wayne, and Fulteney and the Village of Hammondsport, all in the County of Steuben, New York, and the Towns of Milo, Jerusalem, and Barrington and the Village of Penn Yan, all in the County of Yates, New York, have by resolutions made on or about the 5th day of June, 1957, united in a continuing arrangement for flood control of Keuka Lake, and

WHEREAS the Department of Health of the State of New York has heretofore, at the request of the Village of Penn Yan, imposed regulations concerning the pollution of a part of the lake adjacent to said Village of Penn Yan which has proven to be of doubtful effect in view of the freedom from regulation enjoyed by the southern portion of Keuka Lake,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Village of Penn Yan hereby joins with the other Towns and Villages above mentioned in requesting that the Department of Health of the State of New York place the entire area of Keuka Lake under the same regulations now pertaining to the northern portion adjacent to Penn Yan as soon as the same can be effective and hereby assumes the obligation of inspection and enforcement to the extent of

nineteen per cent (19%) of the cost thereof, on condition that the other Towns and Villages named agree to assume the payment of their following fractional parts:

MUNICIPALITY	PERCENTAGE
Town of Wayne	10%
Town of Urbana	8%
Town of Pulteney	6%
Village of Hammondsport	10%
Town of Milo	10%
Town of Jerusalem	19%
Town of Barrington	8%
Town of Tyrone	8%
Village of Penn Yan	19%

The Clerk of this governing body is hereby authorized and directed to certify that this resolution has been passed to the Department of Health of the State of New York.

I, Thelma H. Falvey, Clerk of the Village of Penn Yan do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution adopted the 16th day of September, 1963, with the original on file in my office and that it is a correct transcript therefrom.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Village, this 16 day of September, 1963.

Thelma H. Falvey