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Mayer, Arizona

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to the letter written by Willie Brodersen of Poland Junction. Her letter is a prime example of rumor and gossip. Very little of the letter is based on facts.

The Board of Directors does their best to give the people of this community the best possible product for the least amount of money. But if the people knew the facts they would know some of the problems facing the Board and we need their input. But there is seldom any members of the public at the Board meetings. Only when the public wants something from the Board do they attend. Then when they have received what they want they disappear. This is not the fault of the Board. This is apathy on the part of the public.

The base rate for your water is \$18. This is a set rate for the purpose of water conservation as there is a limited supply of water in this area. The name of the district is MAYER DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, which mean that the District is obligated to supply water for domestic use. If someone insists on watering their lawn, trees or garden they are going to pay for that privilege. The \$10 regulatory fee is a temporary fee put on your bill to help defray the cost of mandatory testing put on by the Federal Government and for the highway relocation. Hopefully the regulatory fee can be removed in the near future.

As for the high salaries and little work, I would invite anybody in this community to do the work that the 2 employees do and not expect to be paid. The manager has been one of the hardest working people I have had the privilege to know. She has talked to government officials, gone to meetings, read meters, bookkeeping, etc. The list is endless. She earned every cent she was paid. As for the operator, I defy anyone to follow him around on any given day. How would you like to be called out on a cold night to stand fanny deep in freezing water just to fix a leak so your water would be there the next morning. This is just one example of his work. He also has earned every cent he was paid.

Yes, compare your bill with Spring Valley or Cortes Lakes. But know that they run no more than two wells. This District runs 13. That makes the operating cost 6 time as much as theirs. Also both of their systems are much newer then this one making their maintance cost much less expensive. As for the original Board that Ms. Brodersen said resigned, there are 2 of the original member still sitting on the Board today. There was one resignation from the original Board and that was because of a heart attack. I have no idea where she got the nepotism part. There has never been any relatives working for the District at any one time. Get your facts straight Ms. Brodersen. The Corporation Commission put a value on the water company of 1.5 million dollars at the time of the sale. Mr. Albins offered it to the town for half that price. As for you making Mr. Albins rich, that is funny. Mr. Albins did not need anybodys help, he did it all by himself.

Where is this resident of Mayer who wanted to buy the water company. The Board has not heard a thing about it. And as for the Board refusing to sell, it is not the Boards to sell. IT IS YOUR WATER CO. Any sale would have to be approved by the owners of the company and that is you. Again Ms. Brodersen your facts are incorrect.

The Board realizes all to well the income of the people of this community. The Board is in the same boat. The Board members pays the same

amount as you. As for the putrid water it is in compliance with ADEQ standards. It is tested monthly, yearly and any other time the ADEQ regulations require.

The Board does not answer to the Board of Supervisors. It answers to you. This is your water company. Where are you? You are not at the meetings. They are open meetings held in accordance with the Open Meeting Laws of Arizona. Only you can tell us what you expect from the Board. You elected us to this position and then abandoned us. You would rather believe dribble like Ms. Brodersen's letter, listen to rumors and gossip and then complain when things are not to your liking. The meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at the Mayer Rec. Center at 7:00 PM.