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Committee as a Whole Meeting
Monday, March 1, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

The Committee as a Whole meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 1, 2021, via Zoom by Mayor Seth Speiser. Those in attendance were Mayor Seth Speiser, Trustee Denise Albers, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Mike Heap, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Public Works Director John Tolan, Zoning Administrator Matt Trout, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guest present via Zoom: Janet Baechle (6:21 p.m.). Village Hall was open to the public, and there were no guests present.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of January 4, 2021 Minutes. Trustee Denise Albers motioned to approve the January 4, 2021 minutes and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. FY2022 Budget: Village Administrator Tony Funderburg has prepared the FY2022 budget after discussions and input from the department heads. He commented we are in a different time and believes we need a 5-year budget moving forward. At this time, we need to be conservative and ensure the projects we decide to do are done in an efficient and cost conscious manner. Since the sewer project will be built over multiple budgets, we need a 5-year plan for that. He is concerned about the cost of materials for the plant naming the availability of steel as one of the concerns. Tony provided a listing of the main items that he would like to accomplish in the next 5 years: 4 police SUVs, dump truck in streets; Apple/Cherry St., repair; Old Freeburg Road waterline; F-350 truck in water; sewer plant; truck in sewer; and the Cat generator upgrade. Also included is a copy of the purchasing code. Tony advised he brings any expense \$5,000 and over to the board for review. The board has to approve any expense over \$20,000.

Admin Rev: Tony has \$179,616 in capital reserves which is the Cures Act grant money. This replaces the salaries for PD officers in 2020. He has included \$16,500 to purchase property if needed; \$26,214 for an interfund transfer to the pool; ZO: clothing for Matt and a mapping table.

Police: Tony advised Chief Schutzenhofer asked for 2 new police SUVs, however Tony would like to increase that to 4 SUVs to get us back on track. He started this program in 2013 where each officer has his own car and equipment, and Tony commented this is one of the best things we've done. There would be 5 vehicles to surplus. The new SUVs could be financed over 5 years and are needed due to their ease of use, safety and health of our officers. Tony would like to outfit every vehicle with backup cameras. We will also have to monitor gas prices. If they increase substantially, we may have to cut something out of the general fund. He plans to purchase the 4 SUVs over 5 years and expects the Intereceptors to last 10 years. Trustee Albers stated interest rates are really low right now. Trustee Meehling is concerned if we purchase 4 vehicles now, rather than 1 at a time, we might be setting us up for needing 4 at one time in the future.

TIF/Audit: The TIF will be a bit different this year. We will not have a payment this year due to refinancing the bonds last year. We are very close to paying it off.

Streets: Tony commented John's plan is to continue to have our public works employees work on as many projects as possible. If any fund could use more money, it is this one. A dump truck is needed, and Tony recommends financing it over 3 years.

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Garbage: The leaf machine is paid off. Tony advised the negotiations will start soon for a new Waste Management contract.

MFT: This is already a healthy fund. We will plan on normal maintenance this year. Our plan is to save our MFT money for a bigger project.

Water Rev: Our sales continue to drop. We are 2,100,000 gallons lower this year. The Old Freeburg Road waterline and a new truck is in this year's budget. We had budgeted 2 trucks last year that were not purchased. Tony suggested purchasing the trucks outright since the interest rates are so low. The results of the water study will tell us what projects we will need to address. Tony believes the biggest items are the water tower and Hill St.

Sewer: There is \$1,000,000 in the budget for the sewer plant, and we also need a truck.

Electric: Tony said we might be able to pay the Cat generator repairs/upgrades in the amount of \$340,000 in 3 – 5 years. A refurbished forestry truck is in the budget that would chip right into the truck and also has a boom to trim the trees. This would be financed at a cost of approximately \$70,000. There is \$13,000 in the daily power plant checks which includes weekends and holidays.

Swimming Pool: Rates need to be addressed. We need to replace the lifeguard platforms this year.

John provided a plan to surplus certain vehicles from the street and water/sewer departments, revise the areas of work for other vehicles. In total, he would like to surplus 3 trucks.


The agreements spreadsheet, schedule of equipment/properties, reserve goals and investment list was also provided. Tony advised our goal is to get the money market funds back into cds. With regard to the reserve goals, 6 months is where we want to be.

Tony said we need to finish the projects we have going on right now, and review the future projects in depth prior to starting them. Tony will start working on the RFQs for water/sewer/streets. He would like to have a list of the potential projects to do. We need a conversation upfront of money, and what is needed. The sewer plant bid opening is tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. We are expecting at least 5 companies to bid, and we have 60 days to review them. We need to review the rate structure sooner rather than later since we will need to build up the fund for that. Trustee Heap asked if there is money in the budget for the employee we never hired. Tony said there is about 6 months.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: Mayor Speiser advised Mr. Bolin asked about the status of the possible annexation. Mr. Bolin is willing to put a road in since he has a problem backing out onto the highway. Tony advised once someone annexes, it becomes our pbolem. The other option is to annex them and vacate the property. Matt does not think Mr. Bolin can annex until his neighbor or Mr. Etling does.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*


Julie Polson
Office Manager