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Committee as a Whole Meeting
Monday, March 7, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

The Committee as a Whole meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 7, 2022, 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 (absent), Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Public Works Director John Tolan, Zoning Administrator Matt Trout, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guest present: Janet Baechle (6:00 p.m.). There were no guests present via Zoom.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of June 1, 2021 Minutes. Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to approve the June 1, 2021 minutes, and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. FY2023 Budget: Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said the state continues to fight for the LGDF money (Local Government Distributive Fund) which is sitting at 6% and should be 10%. Tony advised he is unsure of our revenues and costs, so the proposed budget is a middle-of-the-road one. It is a balanced budget and about as bare bones as he could make it. The sales tax revenue with online sales tax is better, but the state will take more than their fare share. Projects that we may want to do will be dependent on our financing options and our financial state. Unfunded mandates continue to pile up. Tony explained several issues that we are going to be dealing with. They include staffing in the police department and the school resource officer, that we have allocated funding for in previous years, increase from SLM of 30 cents per 1,000 gallons of water, gas prices are increasing as well a 50% upcharge in chemical prices. Public Works Director John Tolan would like to purchase a backhoe and has received a quote for a new Case backhoe for approximately \$80,000 which includes a \$20,000 trade-in credit. It can be financed over several years with each utility fund paying for it. Tony said at some point, we have to do certain projects in order to avoid bigger problems later on. He doesn't want to get in a spot where we don't get what we really need. Tony further commented people are not dealing with their bills very well, and he does not have an answer for them. We may try to look at some grants. It is not going to get better for a while. Tony advised the school resource officer is not in the budget, Julie will check the terms of the auto theft task force agreement and the money received for the school crosswalk. Tony stated some of the insurances are a little high, but Laura feels those numbers are correct. John talked to the dealership regarding the dump truck, and they have no clue when getting it. Ours is not canceled, but we have not been assigned a VIN number. Tony stated John and Shane continue to keep our supplies current so we can deal with issues. Trustee Albers complimented the good job Tony did on the budget. She asked that he keep them abreast of issues since things will be much more fluid. Tony summarized by saying more than ever, this is a guide, approvals will be needed to do any kind of project, and those project requests will need to include all the details and total cost projections.

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2. Haier Plumbing and Heating Change Order #1 in the amount of \$16,790.85: Zoning Administrator Matt Trout stated this change order is for the surveying work previously discussed. Attorney Keck commented we would not sign the amendment until we knew the additional cost this work would incur. He asked for a resolution be prepared to accept the amendment. An actual check will not be issued for the change order.

Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of Haier Plumbing and Heating Change Order #1 in the amount of \$16,790.85, and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Trustee Ray Matchett – yea; Trustee Denise Albers – yea; Trustee Lisa Meehling – yea; Trustee Mike Heap – yea; Trustee Mike Blaies – yea; and Trustee Bob Kaiser – absent. With 5 yea votes, the motion carries.

3. Haier Plumbing and Heating Payment No. 7 in the amount of \$881,745.07: Matt advised Burns & McDonnell questioned the stored materials, and have now signed off on the pay application.

Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of Haier Plumbing and Heating's Pay Request #7 in the amount of \$881,745.07, and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Trustee Ray Matchett – yea; Trustee Denise Albers – yea; Trustee Lisa Meehling – yea; Trustee Mike Heap – yea; Trustee Mike Blaies – yea; and Trustee Bob Kaiser – absent. With 5 yea votes, the motion carries.

4. School Resource Officer Agreement: Discussed under number 5.
5. Executive Session to Discuss Collective Negotiating Matters Between the Public Body and its Employees or their Representatives, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)(2) and Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)1:

**EXECUTIVE SESSION
6:08 P.M.**

Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to enter Executive Session to discuss Collective Negotiating Matters Between the Public Body and its Employees or their Representatives, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)2, and Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)1, Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED
7:08 P.M.**


Mayor Seth Speiser motioned to end Executive Session at 7:08 p.m., and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to reconvene the committee meeting at 7:08 p.m., and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m., and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*


Julie Polson
Office Manager