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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING Trash/Water/Sewer (Kaiser/Blaies/Heap/Meehling) Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 5:45 p.m.

The Public Works Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, by Chairman Bob Kaiser. Members present were Chairman Bob Kaiser, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Mike Heap, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), Trustee Denise Albers (via Zoom), Trustee Ray Matchett, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Public Works Director John Tolan, Crew Worker Trevor Breitwieser, Zoning Administrator Matt Trout, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guest present: Janet Baechle. There were no guests present via Zoom.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of November 10, 2021 minutes: Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to approve the November 10, 2021 minutes and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. New Sewer Plant/Sewer Loan: Zoning Administrator Matt Trout said the work is really picking up. They are working on the admin building and basin #2. The steel should be delivered January 14th. The rain this week has slowed things down, it is pretty wet out there.
3. Sewer issues: John reported our guys are addressing the trouble areas on a regular basis.
4. FSH Minutes: John stated SLM is moving forward with their expansion to the north replacing some water lines.
5. Water System Study: Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board TWM Invoice #72054 in the amount of \$1,659.75 for approval, and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
6. Repair/Replace Sewer Main East and West Apple: John stated Volkert is working on the project, and he has had discussions with the survey crew.
7. West Street Residents' Sewer Issue: Nothing new to report.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. EPA Online Payments: Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised IEPA has not received our most recent loan payment. He has discussed the situation with them, and they are suggesting we set up ACH payments. We have created a form that will require all the necessary approvals from the Village staff and officers. Our auditor has confirmed this is a proper procedure. The transactions can be tracked since they will be entered into our billing system. The committee agreed with the request.

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2. Old Freeburg Road Haier Plumbing Application for Final Pay Request #2 in the amount of \$35,137.40: *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board Haier Plumbing Final Pay Request #2 in the amount of \$35,137.40 for approval, and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

With regard to our liability insurance renewal, Tony stated most insurance companies are cutting back coverage as it relates to law enforcement. Our insurance renewal amounts to \$299,421 but that only includes excess insurance coverage for \$5,000,000. To increase that to our normal limit of \$10,000,000, it would be an additional cost of \$29,519 totaling \$328,940. Attorney Keck stated we really only have two options to purchase through insurance, either through IML or Arthur Gallagher. Attorney Keck said the biggest issue is the legislature changing laws regarding police. He further stated it is going to get down to a handful of companies that will cover law enforcement claims. We are pooled with other municipalities to help keep costs down. Attorney Keck commented our increase in property, building, equipment and cyber liability raised our premium. Tony believes we should renew with the \$10,000,000 in excess liability coverage.

Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to recommend to the full Board Arthur J. Gallagher's 2021 Insurance Renewal at a cost of \$328,940, and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

John reported a crack in the flow pipe at SAVE, the replacement equipment has been ordered. He sent out letters to the residents on Old Freeburg Road advising a visual inspection is required so there is no cross contamination between their well and water line. The control board fried at the Meadowbrook lift station. Thankfully we caught it in time.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson,
Office Manager