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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING Trash/Water/Sewer (Kaiser/Blaies/Heap/Meehling) Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 5:45 p.m.

The Public Works Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 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, Trustee Ray Matchett, Public Works Director John Tolan, Water/Sewer Department Leader Gregg Blomenkamp (absent), Crew Worker Trevor Breitwieser, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of December 11, 2019 minutes: *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to approve the December 11, 2019 minutes and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*
2. New Sewer Plant/Sewer Loan: Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said we are going to Springfield next week with Burns & McDonnell since the EPA is dragging their feet on the facility plan. That is holding up our design phase.
3. Sewer issues: Public Works Director John Tolan stated we had 3 residents with problems from the recent storm, and all the issues were on their own side. We received 4 inches of rain, pumped in 6 places, and no record of a sewage backup anywhere. Tony said we had another lightning strike here that took out a couple things. John said all of our guys came out immediately, pumped from 2:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. He mailed the report to EPA yesterday. John said he is very proud of the work our guys did.
4. FSH Minutes: John said FSH had a lightning strike on their tower in the previous storm. Tony said the state now has the ability to place a 4% tax on special water and sewer districts. He wants to know if FSH can pass along that tax as well. There is also a tax on labor.
5. Old Freeburg Road Water Line: John advised we have the railroad permit application. We will get it signed and moving along.
6. Water System Study: John provided the information to TWM, and the project is moving forward. Regarding the Ameren claim, John, Attorney Keck and Tony had a conference call with the claims adjuster on Monday morning and reasserted our position. Attorney Keck just received an email this evening with an initial offer to pay half the bill. Fred also commented Ameren will deny it every single time because of the costs involved to fight it in court. The committee agreed to Attorney Keck's counter offer.

- B. NEW BUSINESS:** John advised they completed a bore for a new home on Barber Lane. We will schedule the spring clean-up in late April after Easter. John commented Trevor is doing a great job and learning a lot.
- C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None
- D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.
- E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 p.m. and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson,
Office Manager