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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Trash/Water/Sewer

(Kaiser/Blaies/Meehling/Miller)

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 5:45 p.m.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Matt Trout

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

John Tolan

POLICE CHIEF

Michael J. Schutzenhofer

ESDA COORDINATOR

Eugene Kramer

VILLAGE ENGINEER

Tim Pruett, P.E.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY

Weilmuenster Keck Brown, P.C.

The Public Works Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:47 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, by Chairman Bob Kaiser. Members present were Chairman Bob Kaiser, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Trustee Dana Miller, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), Trustee Tom Carpenter, Trustee Ray Matchett, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Public Works Director John Tolan, Crew Leader Bob Jenkins, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Village Administrator Matt Trout, Village Engineer Tim Pruett, and Office Manager Mary Downen. Guest present: Janet Baechle. There were no guests present via Zoom.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of January 10, 2024 Minutes: Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the January 10, 2024 minutes, and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. New Sewer Plant: Public Works Director John Tolan stated that it is going well. We still aren't at substantial completion. We walked around the plant made a list of items. Some are small items others are big ticket items so we are not ready to agree to substantial completion. Village Administrator Matt Trout advised that before we agree to substantial completion, we need to see the plant continue to operate as expected.
3. Sewer issues: None
4. FSH Minutes: John noted that with the passing of Joel Boeving, he was the Smithton representative, that Jesse Carlton is now their new rep. Also Joel was on the SOM Water Commission Board and they have appointed him to take over that term.
5. Water System Study - TWM Invoice #83419 in the amount of \$2,500:

Trustee Dana Miller motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of TWM Invoice #83419 in the amount of \$2,500.00, and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

Matt was made aware about a week and a half ago that Scott Simmons had taken another job. We have had issues here and there. He spoke with the president of TWM and told him we would like to have a conversation as we are not happy with the overall status of the project and discuss where we are going forward. John, Tim and I are meeting with the president of TWM and Scott's boss from the Peoria office on Friday morning.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. John Tolan – FSH Appointment: Matt said this will be on the Board agenda.

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2. Water & Sewer Cost Adjustment: Matt advised the way we do water cost adjustments when someone has a leak is taking the FSH rate and add 20% to it. Which is \$2.95 a gallon add 20% and you get \$3.54 for 1,000 gallons. I understand giving them a break but that's pretty low. We are giving a lot of credits back and do they even address the issues. We just wanted to make you guys aware of it. Mayor Seth Speiser suggests splitting it 50/50 and allowing it once a year.

3. Volkert Invoice #01601078 in the amount of \$1,543.75:

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of Volkert Invoice #01601078 in the amount of \$1,543.75, and Dana Miller seconded the motion.

4. Burns McDonnell 2024 Schedule of Hourly Professional Service Billing Rates: Matt said he just wanted to make you guys aware of their rates.

5. Sewer Main Television Inspection Bids: Tim said he received bids from Midwest Underground LLC and Visu-Sewer of Missouri, LLC. We will be videoing about 23,00 feet of sewer. This is a union cost bid. Would like to get this agreement and get them going by the middle of March. Matt stated that the more we get on this budget the better we are and this is why we built this fund to do these projects. Tim said he is fine with going with Midwest Underground. As the process goes on we will keep you updated. Trustee Mike Blaies asked how long will do they expect it will take to do this? Tim stated 30-40 days, weather permitting.

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of bid from Midwest Underground, LLC, and Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Mary Downen,
Office Manager