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## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING Trash/Water/Sewer (Kaiser/Blaies/Heap/Meehling) Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 5:45 p.m.

The Public Works Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:53 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 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, 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. There were no guests present via Zoom.

### A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of February 16, 2022 minutes: Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to approve the February 16, 2022 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 everything is moving along pretty well. They are almost done with the aeration basin, they started on the clarifier in the filter building, they are working on the roofing and insulation in the admin building, and they are installing the gates in the influent building. Public Works Director John Tolan said there are a couple pieces of equipment on site. He is working with Burns & McDonnell to see if there is an alternative on the piping.
3. Sewer issues: John reported having to pump out a couple of manholes with the recent heavy rains. We had an overflow at the west plant, and that has been reported to EPA.
4. FSH Minutes: Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised SLM passed a rate increase, and we are proposing to pass that along to our customers. It will be discussed under New Business.
5. Water System Study: John reported TWM has asked for a rate study questionnaire to be completed. That is the final item, and will then be sent to the IEPA.
6. Repair/Replace Sewer Main East and West Apple: John advised Midwest Vac will be here Monday to televise the sewer behind the car wash. Tim Pruett needs the excavation footages and also needs to see if any more damage has been done. Once that is completed, Tim will get it ready to bid out.
7. West Street Residents' Sewer Issue: Nothing new to report. Item can be taken off the agenda.

**B. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **SLM Rate Increase:** SLM increased their monthly cost to FSH Commission of 30 cents for every 1,000 gallons, and Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised we are proposing to pass that increase along to our customers starting with the June billing. John thinks this will add approximately \$1.50 - \$1.75 /month to an average water user's bill. Tony said this is as exact as he can get it. He only increased the cost of the additional water, and did not increase depreciation or capital reserves. John further explained this is only the cost of making the water. Trustee Albers asked for a good article to the public explaining why this had to be done.

*Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board SLM's water rate increase of 30 cents per 1,000 gallons, and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

John reported two big water main breaks, and stated our new guys worked with our old guys incredibly well. We had an issue on Rogers Dr., where a plumber busted off the shut off. We repaired it, and will send the plumber a bill for our time and materials. John stated the new lead and copper law will require us to identify the service lines and materials used by October of 2023. John received IEPA's notification that the east lagoon permit renewal application is due September 30<sup>th</sup>. He will ask Volkert to help with the renewal submission. He also advised they have completed their hazard communication, respiratory, and confined space training.

**C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m., and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson,  
Office Manager