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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
Trash/Water/Sewer
(Kaiser/Blaies/Meehling/Miller)
Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 5:45 p.m.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Matt Trout

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
John Tolan

POLICE CHIEF
Michael J. Schutzenhofer

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VILLAGE ENGINEER
Tim Pruett, P.E.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY
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The Public Works Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, by Chairman Bob Kaiser. Members present were Chairman Bob Kaiser, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Lisa Meehling (absent), 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 (absent), 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 April 10, 2024 Minutes: Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the April 10, 2024 minutes, and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. New Sewer Plant: Village Administrator Matt Trout stated Pay App 22, Pay App 23 and the recommendation of final completion are in the packet. He added at some point we will schedule an open house.

Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of Pay App 22 for the amount of \$884,791.21, and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of Pay App 23 for the amount of \$566,947.20, and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to recommend to the full Board Final Completion, and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

3. Sewer issues: Matt said per Public Works Director John Tolan, they ran a sewer jetter from East Phillips to St. Clair between Edison and Cherry. The sewer main was partially clogged. There was a water leak at the Sugar Creek entrance. We received a water quality complaint from a resident on Emily Street. They said they were getting yellow/brown specks in their water from an outside spicket. It was the first time it had been used and John said it was possible wasps were building a nest. The resident said she would flush the line.
4. FSH Minutes: Village Engineer Tim Pruett stated there are some preliminary discussions with Fayetteville. Basically, FSH has a feed at the SLM Water Plant. There is one line that goes from SLM to Freeburg, Smithton & Hecker. Part of the line goes through the Kaskaskia River bottoms and a lot of times it is under water. There is a push to come up with a backup plan.

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5. Water System Upgrades: Nothing new.
6. Midwest Underground Invoice #3331 in the amount of \$6,970.25: Tim said this is for the sewer video work that was done. It was a little more than the proposal, approximately \$3,000 over, but it was based on what they actually did.

Trustee Dana Miller motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of Midwest Underground Invoice #3331 in the amount of \$6,970.25, and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. FSH Water Commission Letter: Matt said John reported about a month and a half ago that FSH is passing through the \$.40 per 1,000 gallons of water that SLM passed on to them. This letter is their notice to us that they will be increasing our water rate by \$.40 per 1,000 gallons of water. Do we absorb the increase or pass it through. It is ultimately the Board's decision.

Trustee Dana Miller motioned to recommend to the full Board water rate increase of \$.40 per 1,000 gallons, and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

- C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** Matt said they submitted all the lead inventory. They identified 27 galvanized service lines that they plan to have fixed within the next 2 years. Typically, we go to the meter and they are responsible from the meter to the house. But in this situation, we are responsible for all. We are hoping there is extra funding for this.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

- E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Dana Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 p.m. and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Mary Downen
Office Manager