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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING Trash/Water/Sewer (Kaiser/Blaies/Heap/Meehling) Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 5:45 p.m.

The Public Works Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m., on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, 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, Trustee Tom Carpenter (absent), Trustee Ray Matchett (absent), Village Attorney Fred Keck, Public Works Director John Tolan, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Interim Village Administrator Matt Trout and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guests present: Janet Baechle and Melanie Brink (5:54 p.m.). There were no guests present via Zoom.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of June 14, 2023 minutes: Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the June 14, 2023 minutes, and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. New Sewer Plant/Sewer Loan: Public Works Director John Tolan advised there is a lot going on right now. They sent the flow to the new plant last Thursday and will be discharging to the existing plant. We lost power, water and sewer at our lab. John said we are about 70% complete. The new plant is online and we have been logging everything. We are going to push the punchlist back because we aren't ready for that yet. Our guys are working really hard right now.

Matt had a conversation with IEPA about signing documents, and they said they don't need anything changed for him to be the signatory. Attorney Keck feels we should document this and asked for a motion for Matt to sign any and all IEPA wastewater project documents.

3. Sewer issues: Public Works Director John Tolan stated there were no issues. With regard to the storm, Buddy and Eric were out checking lift stations continually throughout the evening. They also worked with manning generation during the storm. He thanked all of the public works employees for the great job they did. They worked long hours while working safely. He also thanked the Mayor and Matt for their time.
4. FSH Minutes: John said our crew installed a hydrant on the FSH line. Our goal is to get everyone off our line and onto the FSH line. This will provide better fire protection out there. John advised he is struggling to get parts.
5. Water System Study – TWM Invoices #79806 in the amount of \$2,000.00 and Invoice #79807 in the amount of \$2,500.00:

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board TWM Invoice #79806 in the amount of \$2,000 and TWM Invoice #79807 in the amount of \$2,500 for approval, and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

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6. Elevated Storage Tank Cleaning: The proposal has been submitted, and we are waiting for it to be scheduled.

With no quorum for the Public Property Committee, items from that meeting will be discussed here. Matt advised our reclassification for Wolf Road was denied and Oates & Associates is fighting that decision.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Amber Duvall Request for Sewer Credit: Matt advised Ms. Duval used 65,000 gallons over her average consumption. She does not know where the problem came from. We reread the meter, and it was not spinning and provided an accurate reading. She is asking for credit and has paid for her bill with her average water and sewer consumption. Jane figured her sewer credit to be \$372.54 and her water credit to be \$259.54 based on the cost of water. The committee agreed to a one-time credit, for both water and sewer to be paid over three months.

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to amend the agenda to move to Public Public Property Committee New Business, and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

1. IML Conference: Matt advised he and Tom would like to attend this year's IML Conference. We have budgeted for 7 but would like to keep the number at a maximum of 6. Let him know if you are interested in attending.
2. Freeburg Elementary School Request to Install Permanent Stop Signs on Lincoln Court: Matt said the temporary signs were installed to help with the traffic flow for the pickup/drop off line. Dr. Brink thanked the village for our partnership and support. She said changes needed to be made to relieve the Carpenters Hall and Tribune parking lots and also for the traffic backing up on the highway. Since their solution is working, they would like a permanent sign to help with consistency. Chief Schutzenhofer said this is a safety issue and has no problems with the request. An ordinance will be prepared and included in Monday night's packet.
3. Kids for Christ Request to Use Village Park and Street Closure: John advised this is for their annual Vacation Bible School. Our employees have cleared the park. We will close off S. Monroe between High and W. White on Friday's between 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. We will provide the barricades. The committee was in agreement with the request.
4. Homecoming: The board would like to have a float in the parade and work the beer stand.

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to amend the agenda in order to hear Public Participation, and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

6:27 P.M.

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to enter Executive Session citing Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)(1), and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED

7:09 P.M.

The regular committee session reconvened at 7:09 p.m. Matt advised he will be on vacation Monday and Tuesday that was previously approved by Tony. Attorney Keck commented he and Matt had a very productive meeting. He also stated we have no legal requirement to conduct Zoom meetings anymore.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Janet questioned the timeline of the sewer project.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m., and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson,
Office Manager