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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
Trash/Water/Sewer
(Pruett/Albers/Blaies/Matchett)
Monday, July 18, 2016 at 5:45 p.m.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Tony Funderburg

VILLAGE TREASURER
Bryan A. Vogel

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
John Tolan

POLICE CHIEF
Stanley Donald

VILLAGE ATTORNEY
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The Public Works Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:59 p.m. on Monday, July 18, 2016, by Chairman Dean Pruett. Members present were Chairman Dean Pruett, Trustee Denise Albers, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Ray Matchett, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), Trustee Lisa Meehling, Trustee Matt Trout, Public Works Director John Tolan, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson. Fred Helms, Larry Rhutasel, Tim Pruett and Janet Bachle (6:05 p.m.)

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of June 15, 2016 minutes: Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to approve the June 15, 2016 minutes and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Sewer project: Administrator Funderburg summarized by stating we've met with Rhutasel and the project has come to a stop. He explained to Rhutasel that we want the project done, but need to go the most viable route. Tim Pruett suggested other options but they would need easements in order to go that route. Mayor Speiser asked if we can run a force main down Main Street and tie in at Dambachers and Tim said yes, and we would need an easement by the railroad.

Mayor Speiser asked Rhutasel if they have talked to EPA, and Tim advised they have not. They want to go to the EPA with a definite plan. Tim advised from the alternatives available, they will come back with numbers and a detailed plan. Trustee Lisa Meehling asked what the timeframe and additional costs is for them to do this. Larry Rhutasel would not say there wouldn't be any additional costs to the village for this. Trustee Meehling stated she has a real concern about spending more money without anything going on. Mayor Speiser stated the board is not comfortable with paying Fred Helms \$25,000 and now he wants another \$100,000 to straighten out the road, and we still won't have gotten anywhere.

Administrator Funderburg said we have a firm that still needs to be paid for work completed, it will take a substantial portion of our reserves if the EPA denies our proposed plan. We have a giant amount of pipe and are uncertain if it can be used. He further asked how much is it going to cost to even find out what the next step is. We are spending money each time to do something, and that amount of money keeps piling up.

Tim Pruett said the village acquired an easement from Helms that had an expiration on it. Larry Rhutasel said we only give the description. It's the attorney's job to secure the easement. Fred Helms voiced his concerns over the possible work. He never had confirmation of the terms in the contract, for example, the insurance, funding monies

and crop damage. He was only focusing on those things, not the end date of the easement. He stated he's never tried to hold up project, and willing to work with us. Mayor Speiser said if this whole thing is being held up because we are waiting on the road, why are we finding out now? Tim Pruett said we need a construction easement from Fred Helms. Mayor Speiser told Fred to make a decision on what do we need to do to get it done. If he doesn't want to give us easement to work a deal, then we need to go another route. He asked Fred what is it that you want besides the road. He also told Fred that we aren't going to spend \$100,000 on a road. Fred Helms said his family hasn't received the value from Freeburg for the money they've spent in lawyer fees. He does not know number tonight, and may hve the number by the endof the week. Trustee Albers asked a for minimum amount that he needs, and he said \$50,000.

Trustee Trout said if we move forward with the current project, are there issues that would prevent us from moving forward. Administrator Funderburg stated he believes there is stillan issue with the insurance. Tony said they tried to turn into their insurance again and it wasn't right. He said he has the bid package and temporary easement and they don't match. What we agreed to is not what we got. John Tolan asked how much permanent easement do we have from the Cordona's and Tim Pruett said 15 feet, then said there are 3 different spots. Tim further said he is not confident we can get through that tight area. Both Trustee Meehling and Trustee Albers said why wasn't that known from the start of the project? Shouldn't it have been designed to be enough? That design should have been right from the beginning and we shouldhn't have to incur that cost. Trustee Albers said she has heard them say they didn't design it corrently, and asked what costs are they going to pick up from this mistake. The board asked Fred Helms if the easement is included in his number, and he needs to confirm one additional thing but will do that by the end of the week. The board directed Rhutasel and Fred Helms to come back with answers in 2 days.

3. Sewer issues: None.
4. FSH Minutes: Included for the committee's review.
5. Radio Read Meters: John advised the meters are doing okay, not great.
6. SAVE Water Tower Leak: Discussed above, we are going to test the bypass.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Water Lines: Administrator Funderburg advised we have residents that would like our water. We will dicuss this at the next committee meeting.
2. Recycling Firms: John advised we have another firm that would like to help with the spring clean up recycling. We will discuss this at the next meting.

John advised Jesse has expressed interest in taking wastewater courses, and also wants to learn everyting he can incluing power too. The cross connection surveys are in the mail. If anyone contacts you with questions, please direct them to John.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Janet would like to thank the village for getting our power restored and the trees done, great job!

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson,
Office Manager