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Committee as a Whole Meeting
Wednesday, October 14, 2015
7:00 p.m.

The Committee as a Whole meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 by Mayor Seth Speiser. Members present were Mayor Seth Speiser, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge, Trustee Dean Pruett, Trustee Matt Trout, Public Works Director John Tolan, Village Clerk Jerry Menard and Village Administrator Tony Funderburg. Guests present: Larry Rhutasel, Chad Rhutasel, Mayor Charles Kujawski, Joel Boeving, Mayor Ray Klein, Ken Vielweber and Frank Heiligenstein.

A. Old Business:

1. Approval of September 8, 2015 minutes: *Trustee Matt Trout motioned to approve the September 8, 2015 minutes and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

B. New Business:

1. F.S.H. Contract: Administrator Funderburg advised the FSH contract is up for renewal, and this is a good time to address the issues we have had this year with our water. We compiled a list of items that we would like to be included in the contract:

- The first item would be the ability to connect our residents that are on the FSH lines that are near an old water main in Freeburg, Smithton or Hecker.
- We would like all the minutes to be emailed to each Village Hall.
- We would like a week's written notice on all general maintenance that would affect hydrant flushing.
- A uniform message emailed to Village Hall when there are water issues whether it's from FSH or SLM.
- Yearly update on future projects, plans and other important information.
- A request to redline the contract and to send it to Smithton and Hecker before we send it onto FSH.
- Change length of contract to coincide with the contract between FSH and SLM.

Mayor Klein agrees all the contract end dates should coincide. He further stated he does not believe we have any major issues, and that he just wants everyone on the same page. Public Works Director John Tolan said it's time to make a concerted effort to push SLM to step up.

Mayor Klein said it has been suggested to him that we flush twice a year instead of once a year and asked if that is an option. John advised that he and Chad have

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pushed SLM to go to flushing hydrants twice a year and said a lot of other water districts do it but Randy wasn't interested. He said it will help the ammonia compound buildup and the water won't be as dirty. John feels we need to get a group of water communities and FSH to say we need to do this. John further said when there is a problem with the water that we receive from SLM, when it hits our meter, EPA considers it our problem. Frank Heiligenstein asked how many communities are served by SLM and John replied about 11 or 12. He believes FSH is their largest customer.

Frank said his biggest complaint is we are being charged to pay down the bonds SLM issued to pay for the water lines that were run out past Mid America Airport. We should have a different volume rate than the municipalities that benefit from that line that runs north. John would like to see a letter to the FSH board to see if they would be favorable to our suggestions.

Mr. Vielweber confirmed he would like to get a contract we agree on and also address the problems with SLM.

C. General Concerns: None.

D. Public Participation: Frank asked the combination of the Plan Commission and Board of Appeals and wants to be kept advised. He believes it needs to be a unified board and no hearing officer.

E. Adjourn: *Trustee Matt Trout motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson
Office Manager