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Committee as a Whole Meeting
April 13, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

The Committee as a Whole meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m., on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, via Zoom by Mayor Seth Speiser. Those in attendance were Mayor Seth Speiser, Trustee Denise Albers, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Mike Heap, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Public Works Director John Tolan, Head Lineman Shane Krauss, Zoning Administrator Matt Trout, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson. There were no guests present at Village Hall or via Zoom.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of March 7, 2022 Minutes. Trustee Denise Albers motioned to approve the March 7, 2022 minutes, and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. High School Resource Officer Agreement: Chief Mike Schutzenhofer advised both the high school and elementary school are working through the payment terms. He believes the high school is going to pay 60%, and the grade school will pay 40% of the costs. Chief Schutzenhofer confirmed all the requirements have been completed, and we have requested the waiver from the state.
2. Review of Fees Charged: Public Works Director John Tolan advised he, Shane and Jane discussed utility deposits and tap on fees, and provided that information from surrounding communities as well as what we currently charge. Jane would like to see tap on fees paid when they obtain their building permit. The committee agreed with the suggested changes of the tap on fees being paid with the building permit, change the temporary electric amounts to \$50 for the deposit and \$100 for the connection fee, and change out-of-town owner deposits to match the in-town owner deposits, raise renter deposits to \$125 for electric, \$75 each for water and sewer. The committee agreed to bill the commercial deposit rates separate at \$200 for electric, and \$100 each for water and sewer for both in-town and out-of-town users.

The committee then discussed the fees for the different types of electric services. On the underground electric service, the tap on fee of \$550 includes 100 feet of wire and the meter. John said since we increased the cost of wire, it has increased to over \$3.50/ft. With the volatility of the metals market, John expects to see further increases in price. John is asking for the tap on fee to be just that and then bill the cost of materials separately. Tony reminded the committee that recent law does not allow unfair charges on tap on fees. The committee agreed to keep the tap on fee of \$550, take out the meter and charge for everything else. John confirmed we just want to cover the cost of materials. Regarding line extensions, Shane advised he includes a transformer if you pay a tap on fee. He stated that is what has been done in the past. Right now the cost is over \$3,000 for a pad mount transformer. Tony said we have to think about what we are charging, and what we have to offer people to move to Freeburg. We don't want to lose customers. John said we've never charged for labor.

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Under the commercial non standard service, Shane said this usually comes into play for a 3-phase service. He would like to see "or if the amverage is higher than 320amp" added into the code. Shane would like to see the material costs taken out of the code due to the fluctuations in pricing. It was agreed to pay for the cost of materials, leave the labor in the wording but don't charge for it. They also discussed what a business should have to pay for an additional line, transformer and labor. Currently, they pay 15% of the first \$2,000 plus 50% over and above \$2,000.

John did not have anything on water or sewer other than if you want to raise the tap on fees.

Matt said the building permit fees are set by St. Clair County. Video gaming machines are currently at \$25 per machine. The committee agreed to raise the fee to \$100 per machine. With respect to the pool, Tony commented this is a tough time to be raising rates. We did raise some of the rates last year. Matt advised Scott sets the concession stand prices based on the food costs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

7:35 P.M.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED

8:05 P.M.

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to end Executive Session at 7:08 p.m., and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to reconvene the committee meeting at 7:08 p.m., and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m., and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson
Office Manager