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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
Trash/Water/Sewer
(Kaiser/Blaies/Meehling/Miller)
Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 5:45 p.m.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Matt Trout

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
John Tolan

POLICE CHIEF
Michael J. Schutzenhofer

ESDA COORDINATOR
Eugene Kramer

VILLAGE ENGINEER
Tim Pruett, P.E.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY
Weilmuenster Keck Brown, P.C.

The Public Works Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:23 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, by Chairman Bob Kaiser. Members present were Chairman Bob Kaiser, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Lisa Meehling, 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, Crew Leader Bob Jenkins, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Village Administrator Matt Trout, Village Engineer Tim Pruett, and Office Manager Mary Downen. Guest present: none. There were no guests present via Zoom.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to amend the agenda to move Water System Upgrades to the top of the agenda, and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

1. Water System Study: Village Administrator Matt Trout introduced Serena and Kurt from TWM. Serena discussed the late request from the tribal nation Osage Nation requesting a Phase 1 report and it causing a delay. Even with the late response from the Osage Nation, the EPA has said we must do the Phase 1 report. In the meantime we are moving forward. She said regardless we should make the January 1, 2025 deadline and Tim added if not we would make the March 31, 2025 deadline.
2. Approval of February 14, 2024 Minutes: *Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the February 14, 2024 minutes, and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*
3. New Sewer Plant: Public Works Director John Tolan stated they had a conference call with Burns McDonnell and Haier Plumbing on the substantial completion. Matt and I are not there yet. Multiple things aren't ready. We have requested someone come out to test the HVAC. Matt stated they have substantial completion set for March 29 and final completion by end of April.
4. Sewer issues: Village Engineer Tim Pruett said they have been working with the sewer video and are about 2 days in. Overall going well.
5. FSH Minutes: Nothing to report.

John updated they have approximately 45 houses left to check regarding the EPA mandate.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. IEPA Notification of Responsible Operational Personnel: Matt said this is to basically switch it from Tony to him authorizing him as the new Village representative.

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Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board appointing Matt as the IEPA Notification of Responsible Operational Personnel, and Dana Miller seconded. All voting yea, the motion carried.

John said he received an estimate on the pump repair of one of the three pumps from the Meadowbrook Lift Station. The cost of the repair is more than the cost of a new pump. There are a few advantages to the new pump.

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board for approval for purchase of the Meadowbrook Lift Station pump in the amount of \$12,150, and Ray Matchett seconded. All voting yea, the motion carried.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: Mike asked if the delay with the Water System Study had anything to do with Scott Simmons. Matt said it didn't have anything to do with him. John commented we might have known earlier but would stay have had the delay.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Dana Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. and Trustee Mike Blaise seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Mary Downen
Office Manager