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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
Trash/Water/Sewer
(Kaiser/Blaies/Meehling/Miller)
Wednesday, April 10, 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 5:55 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 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, Trustee Tom Carpenter, Trustee Ray Matchett, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Public Works Director John Tolan, Crew Leader Bob Jenkins, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer (absent), Village Administrator Matt Trout, Village Engineer Tim Pruett, and Office Manager Mary Downen. Guest present: Janet Baechle. There were no guests present via Zoom.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of March 13, 2024 Minutes: *Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the March 13, 2024 minutes, and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion.* All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. New Sewer Plant: - Certificate of Substantial Completion – Village Administrator Matt Trout stated this is the point we have been working to get to. Substantial completion was on March 29th and final completion is set for the end of this month. The way it works is they will be able to submit this certificate of completion for their last pay app and 5% of the 10% retainer. Similarly, they will submit to us and I will put together in a packet to submit to IEPA for the loan disbursement. Ultimately, they will go through it and if approved, they will forward a check which we will then forward to Haier Plumbing & Heating, Inc. After final completion we will then release the additional 5%. Trustees Mike Blaies and Bob Kaiser asked if there were still items that needed addressed. Public Works Director John Tolan responded that there are a few items which we consider big-ticket that are being addressed. Matt added the additional retainer will be held until everything is complete and if necessary, the final completion will be extended.

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of New Sewer Plant Certificate of Substantial Completion, and Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
3. Sewer issues: Nothing to report.
4. FSH Minutes: John noted he attended the SOM meeting last month and they voted to increase the rate to \$.40 per 1,000 gallons. He suspects the increase will be passed on to each of the communities and as of May 1 we will see an increase from FSH. Their rate increase was based on upgrades to the plant itself.
5. Water System Upgrades: - TWM Invoice #84330 in the amount of \$1,770; TWM Invoice #84341 in the amount of \$4,421 -

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Trustee Dana Miller motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of TWM Invoice #84330 in the amount of \$1,770, and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of TWM Invoice #84341 in the amount of \$4,421, and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

Mike asked if they had started surveying. Village Engineer Tim Pruitt stated no but TWM's mobile unit has been out so they have started that process. He also spoke with Serena from TWM to clarify the cost of the Phase 1 report is \$5,570.

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board acceptance of the proposal from Prairie Archeology & Research for the Phase 1 report in the amount of \$5,570.00, and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

Tim stated that Midwest Underground finished last Friday. He will review the video and by the middle of summer have a plan.

B. NEW BUSINESS: None

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Janet Baechle asked how much additional money did the sewer plant cost.

Trustee Tom Carpenter asked about the new drinking water PFAS standard. John responded it is the micro plastic fibers in the water. We started sampling every quarter for the last year. EPA is starting to get a baseline. This will be the new chemical that will be regulated going forward and it will need to be some kind of filter process.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Mary Downen
Office Manager