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**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Trash/Water/Sewer  
(Pruett/Matchett/Blaies)  
April 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**  
Tony Funderburg

**VILLAGE TREASURER**  
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**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**  
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The Public Works Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2015, by Chairman Dean Pruett. Members present were Chairman Dean Pruett, Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Mike Blaies, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge, Trustee Matt Trout, Trustee Steve Smith, Public Works Director John Tolan, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guests present: Janet Baechle, Rich Gordon, Larry Rhutasel and Lisa Meehling

*Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to amend the agenda in order to hear Public Participation first and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

Public Works Director John Tolan advised Rich Gordon is here to advise of a sewer problem where he lives on West Street. There are three homes tied together on one sewer line. John would like to get them off of that and on separate lines. He suggested setting a manhole in that area and it would feed back to the gravity line that goes into West Street lift station. Those problems continue over to Potter Street. Rich advised Spengler came out and cleaned up the line, and told Rich there are dips in the line and also roots. John said this is something we will start looking into, and he will bring back some cost estimates. He commented there will have to be some cost participation by the residents as well.

## **A. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Approval of March 4, 2015 minutes: *Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to approve the March 4, 2015 minutes and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*
2. Sewer project: Larry Rhutasel here to talk about the new West wastewater treatment plant. Realistically, the facilities plan should be relooked at before we move ahead with the design. That original plan was completed in 2009. The projections in that study were based on what had happened, but with growth slowing, the population is showing limited growth, and the numbers need to be looked at. Larry believes the facility planned is oversized for the current needs. It also took into consideration taking the flow from the east plant over to the west plant. At this point, it would be very difficult for the village to fund a \$10M project. Larry suggested the plan be revisited, reevaluated, look at more realistic population projections, and then resize the preliminary design and look at other alternatives, like keeping the east plant in use. The east plant could be upgraded at a better cost rather than closing it down. He also suggested making the new plant substantially smaller at this time but designed so that it can be added onto in the future.

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Larry said we are going to have to raise rates just to pay off the loan for trunk sewer line to the north. Larry said they are also going to look at a staged increase over the next several years so can start laying money aside. Tony would like to propose moving forward with the \$10,000 reevaluation of facilities planning study. That's the first step in this project. Larry doesn't see any problems with developing the potential site for sewer expansion. John said we also want to look at using as much of the land that we have now and existing facilities as well.

*Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to recommend to the full Board to re-evaluate and update the Wastewater Facilities Planning Study at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00 and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

3. Sewer issues: John said we televised and cleaned several issue areas, including Railroad Street from Phillips to Mill; the 200 block of north Edison; Lakeview and our lines were fine. We also televised West Street for the future sewer extension.
4. Water main extension along Rentchler Road: Tony said there is nothing new on this. He said at this time, he doesn't see the need for TWM's proposal to extend the water lines from Save to Rentchler Road and White Oak.
5. Countryside Lane annexations: Tony talked to Mayor Eckert at today's IDOT meeting and will call him tomorrow morning to get this resolved. He has talked to Gale about drawing up the easements once we receive approval.
6. GIS Implementation: John said we've started using it, and really like it.
7. SLM Water Issues: John said we have no new issues. Item can be taken off.
8. FSH Minutes: Minutes will be included in the next packet, Larry said the interconnect should be in place soon.
9. Water Tower Painting: John said this on hold for about a month and he is fine with that.
10. Water Violation – Restricted Status List: John said we are still on the list until the problem is corrected.

**B. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. TWM Contract Agreement for Save Site Water Main Extension to Plum Hill Road: Discussed above.
2. Spring Clean Up – Closing Roads: We are going to block off Railroad Street mainly on Saturday and Sunday. We will get that in the paper next week.
3. Scheid/Towers 412-414 E. Mill Sewer Connection: John said there is an issue with septic tanks failing at the end of Mill st., before you go into cemetery. The residents are trying to find a way to hook onto the village's sewers. They are either going to get easement from Mr. Morton, or go into manhole behind Mr. Shain's house.

4. Sewer Plant: Discussed above.

C. **GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

D. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** See above.

E. **ADJOURN:** *Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to adjourn at 6:42p.m. and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson,  
Office Manager