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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING Trash/Water/Sewer (Kaiser/Blaies/Heap/Meehling) Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 5:45 p.m.

The Public Works Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, by Chairman Bob Kaiser. Members present were Chairman Bob Kaiser, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Mike Heap, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Trustee Denise Albers, Trustee Ray Matchett, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Public Works Director John Tolan, Water/Sewer Department Leader Gregg Blomenkamp, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guests present: Janet Baechle, Paul Bickford (Waste Management), Gene Crowe, Chris Bergmann (TWM), Chad Ross (TWM) Scott Simmons (TWM) and Corby Valentine. There were no guests present via Zoom.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of May 12, 2021 minutes: Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to approve the May 12, 2021 minutes and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to amend the agenda in order to hear TWM's proposal and Waste Management's proposal and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

2. New Sewer Plant/Sewer Loan: Public Works Director John Tolan talked to Lebanon about their plant, and overall, they thought their project went pretty well. Zoning Administrator Matt Trout advised the first pay request has been submitted to Burns & McDonnell. They are reviewing it and will send it to the next committee meeting. The committee discussed the sewer rate increase, and both Trustees Kaiser and Heap felt option B was fair. Trustee Albers asked Tony if option B will build up sufficient reserves, and Tony confirmed it will do that. Gregg said the sewer rate increase includes both the new plant and infrastructure issues. Tony has not received much feedback about the increase. He also said this rate increase will cover 30 years unless we have a major issue. Attorney Keck commented there is no-one here and that says everything. An ordinance passing the new sewer rate is required by EPA. Tony also said we need to let TWM submit their conceptual plan to EPA so we can start some of those projects.

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board the Plan B Sewer Rate Increase and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to amend the agenda in order to hear Public Participation and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

3. Sewer issues: Nothing new to report.

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4. FSH Minutes: Nothing new to report.
5. Old Freeburg Road Water Line: John has the locate called in. They should be starting on this shortly.
6. Water System Study – TWM Presentation and TWM Invoice #69738 in the amount of \$2,128.50: Chris Bergmann, Chad Ross, and Scott Simmons from TWM were present to provide an overview of their Water System Study and IEPA Project Plan. They summarized Freeburg's water system detailing the shortfalls and needed improvements. Their goal is to provide reliable water service to all of residents for a proposed 20-year period as well as adequate fire protection. The project plan includes 5 phases of improvements to our system ranking the phases by importance: Phase 1. A water main upgrade with a new interconnection with the FSH main near Hill Mine Road and State Street, and a new 10" main from this interconnection to the West Tower at a cost of \$1,122,000. Also included in Phase 1 was a ground storage tank and booster pump station near that new interconnection with FSH at a cost of \$1,383,000. Phase 2 covers water main upgrades on High, White, Hill Streets and Old Fayetteville Road replacing cast iron and undersized mains at a cost of \$2,311,000; Phase 3 address water main upgrades for Washington, Apple, Emily and Alton Streets at a cost of \$1,140,000; Phase 4 water main upgrades for State, Main, West and Phillips Streets at a cost of \$2,287,000; SAVE Site Elevated Water Storage Tank - replace the current standpipe with an elevated storage tank at a cost of \$1,113,000; Jefferson Road Water Main Extension which would complete the loop to SAVE Site at a cost of \$1,039,000; and Peabody Road Watermain Extension, which would complete the additional loop to the northeast side of the Village at a cost of \$825,000. The total project costs amounts to \$11,220,000. Chris explained not all phases have to be done at one time. They will convert this report into a project plan that will be sent to EPA for a potential project loan. Chris said the soonest we could get money for this would be 7/2022,. The more ready we are to move forward with these projects, the better potential we have to receive money. Their project plan is good for 5 years, and can be renewed every 5 years.

Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to recommend to the full Board TWM Invoice #69738 in the amount of \$2,128.50 for payment and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

7. Repair/Replace Sewer Main East and West Apple: Nothing new to report.
8. West Street Residents' Sewer Issue: Nothing new to report.

John reported the TTHM results came back good. The CCR will be published tomorrow and is also available on our website. A resident in Meadow Pines was having issues with their irrigation system. Gregg checked it out and found the deduct meter was installed backwards. John advised there are issues with a blower at the west plant. Illinois Electric is going to send him an estimate of the repairs.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Waste Management Contract Renewal Presentation: Paul Bickford presented two options for the trash contract renewal. The first option would include weekly pickup with a 64-gallon trash cart included. This would be an automated system where the driver picks up the can with a hydraulic arm. The 5-year costs are \$11.25, \$11.70, \$12.17, \$12.66 and \$13.66. A second cart can be added at no charge. Our recycling rate would increase to \$375 per haul. The second option includes the same weekly trash service, and Waste Management would manage the recycling center and include 2 single stream rolloff containers and 2 cardboard boxes. Those monthly costs would be \$14.95, \$15.55, \$16.17, \$16.82 and \$17.49 for a 5-year period.

They would send a mailer out to our residents on the changes to the recycling. For bulk items, residents would call Waste Management directly for anything above a normal bulk pickup. Paul also discussed our current curbside recycling that is offered to our residents. They pay \$15 per month, and the recycling is picked up twice a month. Right now, Tony commented we have no way to control who is using the recycling center. Trustee Albers felt we shouldn't force recycling on everyone. If a resident wants to recycle, we can offer the curbside option to them. Tony advised by using the automated truck, it will help the condition of our streets.

Tony advised the quote for the buldeer's risk policy is \$25,000. Both he and Attorney Keck will look into this to see if it is actually needed.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Gene Crowe voiced his concerns about the proposed increase in sewer rates. He commented he has been in business for 55 years and wants a break on his rate because a lot of his water doesn't hit the sewer. Chairman Kaiser advised we will take this under advisement. Corby Valentine is concerned about the rate increase and how it will affect the senior residents. He commented Smithton didn't double or triple their rates. He suggested increasing tap-on fees. Tony stated Smithton was able to upgrade their lagoon, and we do not have that option. Tony advised we raised rates when we did the north sewer line.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson,
Office Manager