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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
Trash/Water/Sewer
(Pruett/Blaies/Matchett/Niebruegge))
July 15, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Tony Funderburg

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The Public Works Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2015, by Chairman Dean Pruett. Members present were Chairman Dean Pruett, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), Trustee Matt Trout, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Public Works Director John Tolan, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guests present: Larry Rhutasel, Tim Pruett and Janet Baechle.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of June 10, 2015 minutes: Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to approve the June 10, 2015 minutes and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Sewer project: Larry Rhutasel and Tim Pruett were here to talk about Facilities Planning Study update. Larry advised the last FPS was done in 2009 and approved by EPA. Larry said we design treatment facilities to last for 25-30 years. The re-evaluation was done based on the needs. Larry said with the improvements done, he considers east plant to be in good condition. The west plant, built 42 years ago, and Larry is recommending replacement of this plant with a new state of the art treatment plant. Larry proposed adding a new sequencing batch reactor treatment facility, along with a new lift station, screening and grit removal facilities, tertiary filters and a sludge de-watering facility. The existing excess flow clarifier will remain in service. An SBR facility is better able to handle high flow rates. Larry said we need to pursue determining what the excess flow is that is getting into the sewer system. The probable cost of new WWTF is about \$6,600,000. This plan is more reasonable and realistic than the 2009 plan. Larry proposed to finance the project through an EPA low interest loan, and also a rate increase to pay the debt service. 2018 would be the first year debt service payments would become due and payable to the EPA. By 2018, it would be about a 15% increase in rates. Tony said the sewer budget is a tight one now. He also said a lot of our expenses are keeping that sewer plant going. Larry recommends we submit the facilities planning study update to the EPA for their review and approval. Once that occurs, Rhutasel would move forward with final design phase and then we would apply for an EPA loan. It could be completed in 2-3 years.

Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to send Facilities Planning Study Update to EPA for Review/Approval and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

3. Sewer issues: John said we came out of all the rain pretty well.
4. Countryside Lane annexations: Tony said Attorney Manion is making this a top priority to get done.
5. FSH Minutes: None available. John advised he and Mayor Speiser are going to the SLM meeting tonight. It will be a fact finding mission. He also advised the water has been clear for the last six days.
6. Water Tower Painting: Jsaid this project should be done in 3-4 weeks. Tim Pruett said he did not receive any resident complaints about the water tower work.
7. Water Violation – Restricted Status List: John said our June sample came back good. He asked to Mary Reed to run our yearly running average, which came in at 74 and 80 is max, so we won't need to send out any more notices. The next crucial sample will be the ones we take in September. Our running average should drop way down then. When that happens, we will be off the restricted status and violation notices. John asked Mary if we could get into the August sampling group, and she said next year after we get through this. We are back on the right track.
8. Scheid/Towers Sewer Connection: John saw a locate come in on it, but the work is not done yet.
9. Stormwater Runn-off/Drainage Issues: JT said there is nothing new, this will be moved to Streets Committee.
10. Water Line Extension on Rentschler Road: Mayor Speiser talked to Mr. Ehret yesterday. He hasn't had a chance to meet with ther residents.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Executive Session to Discuss Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)(11):

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6:08 P.M.

Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to enter into Executive Session citing litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)(11) and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED

6:23 P.M.

Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to end the Executive Session at 6:23 p.m. and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

The Water/Sewer Committee reconvened at 6:24 p.m.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.