

Village of Balsam Lake  
Sewer/Water/M&E Committee  
Monday May 13, 2019 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Jim Duncan.

Members present on roll call: Jim Duncan, Kellie Flaherty, Eric Jorgensen.  
Others present: Dave Patterson, DPW and Peterson Trail Residents

Public Comments: Bruce Hamilton, 200 Peterson Trail: If the main sewer line or road on Peterson Trail is dug up he would like the committee to consider moving the neighbors sewer line that is on his property relocated back to the neighbor's property. Lori and Helen Swenson, 104 Peterson Trail submitted a letter to the members to review from 2003 regarding a situation that exists with the sewer and water lines on the far end of Peterson Trail addressed to the Village President. Eberhard Werthmann, 116 Peterson Trail spoke on the sewer back up that occurred at his residence. Mike Gorske, 120 Peterson Trail regarding the Village easements for the road.

Discussion was held with the residents that were present regarding the sewer lines on Peterson Trail. Committee members will make Peterson Trail a priority as it is an important issue for the committee to find a solution regarding the sewer lines. The first step is to set up a meeting with an engineering firm and Peterson Trail residents will be notified of the date and time of the meeting. (Cedar Corporation was the engineer firm at the time when the water/sewer lines were installed).

Discussion was held regarding ownership of EOne pumps that were installed on Peterson Trail, County Road I and Pinecrest Road. There are three questions the committee would like answers to from the Village attorney after he reviews a copy of the easement. 1. Does the Village own the EOne pumps? 2. If we do own the EOne pumps, can the Village charge the homeowner for the repair? 3. Can the Village charge the homeowner for a new grinder pump? **Motion by Eric Jorgensen to approve Dave Patterson to contact the Village Attorney with the questions from the committee. Seconded by Kellie Flaherty. All in favor. Carried.**

Discussion was held on a proposal from Dakota Supply Group on a program to replace all 500 antiquated water meters in the Village with smart meter technology that will improve service to customers, decrease costs and measure every drop of water to increase revenue from the water distribution system. The proposal also includes implementing a true AMR drive-by system that provides a visual display of meters on a google map. Meters have a 20 year life. Meters will utilize info codes that will measure and report leaks, reverse flow, burst, dry meters and tampers. Meters will provide temperature of the water going through the meter to discover issues prior to the meter freezing and flooding the customers dwelling. Proposal cost of installation and meter reading system is \$189,141.50. In light of the committees first priority with the Peterson Trail sewer lines the proposal to purchase meters will have to wait. **Motion by Eric Jorgensen to table the consideration to purchase meters. Seconded by Kellie Flaherty. All in Favor. Carried.**

Discussion on Village owned land west of the sewer plant and should it be included in advertisements regarding village land for sale. An offer can be reviewed and a decision can be considered by the board at that time.

Motion to adjourn by Kellie Flaherty. Seconded by Eric Jorgensen. Carried.

Lori Duncan, Village Clerk Treasurer