

Village of Balsam Lake

Sewer/Water/M&E Committee

Monday January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Jim Duncan at 4:00 p.m.

Members present on roll call: Jim Duncan, Kellie Flaherty

Members absent on roll call: Jamey Flaherty

Public Comments: no public comments made

Discussion with Erlene Johnson. Erlene Johnson noted that the water quality at her home still remains an issue with the manganese. Even after the well has been shut off and the Village modified to her water line there is still a high level of manganese that is visible in her water. Chair Jim Duncan noted that the Village is working on a water treatment plant that will extract the manganese from the water. The committee would like to do some research into what type of in home filtration system modifications can be made until the water treatment plant is complete. The committee would also like Erlene Johnson to come to the February water, sewer and M&E committee meeting to follow up with her concerns.

Discussion and possible action regarding refuse services at Lake View Trailer Park. It was noted the Committee would like Lake View Trailer Park to come to the February Committee Meeting to finalize the billing process starting April 1<sup>st</sup> as the Village moves into monthly billing. For now, billing will be completed as normal for 4<sup>th</sup> qt. 2022 and 1<sup>st</sup> qt 2023.

Discussion and possible action regarding annexation with Linda LaMere and Dick Welty. Both Linda and Dick were in attendance and provided maps to the committee to review regarding their trailer park project. **Motion by Kellie Flaherty to recommend to the Board Attorney Paul Mahler review the proposed annexation project and to review the camp ground ordinance within the Village. Second by Jim Duncan. All in Favor. Carried.**

Discussion and possible action regarding water treatment plant project. There will be a special water, sewer, M&E committee meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 5:15 p.m. with SEH to discuss action items regarding final design and financing options for the project.

Discussion and possible action regarding grease traps for businesses within the Village. Director of Public Works David Patterson shared concerns regarding the lift station on Indianhead Shores Drive as there has been an increase of alarms due to excess grease in the system. The process to clean the lift stations is cumbersome so he interested in working in partnership with the committee to create a plan to reduce the amount of grease that enters the sewer system. The committee directed David Patterson to network with other communities to review their ordinances and bring them to the next committee meeting for review.

Discussion and possible action regarding purchasing one six-inch Kamstrup Meter for Balsam Lake Estates. Director of Public Works David Patterson commented the high flow on the current six-inch meter at Balsam Lake Estates is not working. Replacing the meter with a digital Kamstrup meter would be \$4,400. **Motion by Kellie Flaherty to Recommend to the Village Board purchasing a six-inch Kamstrup meter for \$4,400 to replace the current meter for Balsam Lake Estates. Second by Jim Duncan. All in Favor. Carried.**

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Discussion and possible action on truck repairs. The international plow truck has notable rust around the oil pan. **Motion by Kellie Flaherty to replace make the truck repairs for the oil pan costing \$1,100 with the work to be completed by the Polk County Highway Department. Second by Jim Duncan. All in Favor. Carried.**

Discussion and possible action on refuse only accounts within the Village of Balsam Lake. The committee reviewed the refuse only accounts within the Village.

**Motion to adjourn by Kellie Flaherty. Seconded by Jim Duncan. Carried. 4:55pm**

Amy VanDeBrake, Village Clerk Treasurer