

Village of Balsam Lake

Sewer/Water/M&E Committee

Monday, January 23rd, 2023

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

Members present on roll call: Jim Duncan, Kellie Flaherty, Jamey Flaherty
Others present: Jeff Nussbaum, David Patterson

Public Comments: no public comments made

To consider and possibly act to approve the SHE Engineering Services for the Water Treatment Plant Project. Jeff Nussbaum with SEH presented an amended Supplemental Letter Agreement. To Date SEH has completed the Preliminary Design-Concept Development phase and the project is ready to move into the Final Design and bidding services phases. The lump sum for these two phases is \$529,400.00. The expense of these tasks includes, travel mileage, computer, reproduction expenses, and the WDNR NOI permit application fee. Not included in these phases would be any hazardous materials investigations, financial planning such as PSC rate case applications or coordination, wet land permitting, and other treatment design methods for groundwater under the influence of surface water. In February 2023, final design for the water treatment plant project would begin with bidding services taking place between November and December 2023. If the estimated project outline stays on course, construction of the water treatment plant could begin spring 2024. **Motion by Jamey Flaherty to recommend to the Village Board approval of the amended Supplemental Letter Agreement with additional information for the Final Design and Bidding Services costing \$529,400. Second by Kellie Flaherty. All in Favor. Carried.**

To consider and possibly act to approve next steps for funding and financing for the Water Treatment Plant Project. Jeff Nussbaum shared with the committee information regarding the Safe Drinking Water (SDW) Loan Program, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-PF), and the Water and Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program through Rural Development. **Motion by Kellie Flaherty to recommend to the board holding a special meeting with the full Village Board regarding the financing options. Second by Jamey Flaherty. All in Favor. Carried.**

To consider and possibly act to approve contacting Ehlers with regards to interim and final financing for the Water Treatment Plant Project. With the upswing in engineering costs moving into the final design phase, Jeff Nussbaum noted now would be a good time to talk with Ehlers to discuss financing options for both short term costs and long-term financing for the Water Treatment Plant Project. **Motion by Kellie Flaherty to recommend to the Village Board having the Finance Committee meet with Ehlers to discuss financing options for the Water Treatment Plant Project. Second by Jamey Flaherty. All in Favor. Carried.**

Motion to adjourn by Kellie Flaherty. Seconded by Jamey Flaherty. Carried. 5:51 p.m.

Amy VanDeBrake, Village Clerk Treasurer