

Village of Balsam Lake

Sewer/Water/M&amp;E Committee

Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Jim Duncan at 4:39 p.m.

Members present on roll call: Jim Duncan, Jamey Flaherty

Members absent on roll call: Kellie Flaherty

Others present: Kathy Poirier, Jeff Nussbaum, David Patterson

Public Comments: no public comments made.

Discussion and possibly action regarding water treatment plant project. Jeff Nussbaum with SEH participated in the meeting remotely to discuss moving into the final design phase for the water treatment plant project with an estimated price of \$8.6 million. Jeff Nussbaum noted his first priority with his team was to revisit some of the preliminary design items and see if there were ways to design the plant that could possibly save the Village money, compared to the preliminary design construction estimate, and thus have less impact on the rate payers. By eliminating the concrete clear well this could have cost savings of approximately \$320,000.00. Design changes to plant capacity of 350 gpm initially with room for filter expansion in the future for added capacity could have a cost savings of approximately \$680,000.00. Finally, eliminating the process of reclaiming backwash water to the head of the plant from this tank, and provide a backwash water tank for storage and equalization of the discharge to the sanitary sewer and waste water treatment plant saves approximately \$165,000.00. The total savings with the above changes could be preliminarily estimated as \$1.2 million. Jeff Nussbaum will also follow up with Director of Public Works, David Patterson, on managerial questions. **Motion by Jim Duncan to recommend to the Village Board eliminating the concrete clear well, changing the design of the filtration system, and eliminate the process of reclaiming backwash water. Second by Jamey Flaherty. All in Favor. Carried.**

Discussion and possible action regarding manganese concern, Erlene Johnson. Committee member Jamey Flaherty will review water filtration systems targeted towards removal of manganese for Erlene Johnson's home and bring findings to the next committee meeting.

Discussion and possible action regarding water connection for Sunset View Condominium. It was noted that two of the home owners would like to have water services connected to their cabins. The committee noted the property owners would have to pay for a connection fee and their own service lines to their cabins. The committee did note it would be in their best interest if they were to do this project to have all of the cabins connect to the waterline at the same time to reduce the costs for the homeowners. **Motion by Jamey Flaherty to approve allowing homeowners within Sunset View Condominium to hook up to the Village water supply lines at homeowner's expense. Second by Jim Duncan. All in Favor. Carried.**

Discussion and possibly action regarding grease traps for businesses within the Village. Director of Public Works, David Patterson, has conducted outreach efforts for ordinances relating to grease traps within various municipalities, without any luck. Chair, Jim Duncan recommended reaching out to the City of Amery and Osceola to see if they have an ordinance for grease traps.

Discussion and possible action regarding cross connection inspections for commercial properties within the Village. Historically the Village has paid a plumbing company to conduct cross connection inspections throughout businesses within the Village. With the time lapsed, it was noted cross connection inspections should be completed for commercial businesses. Jamey Flaherty noted that many other

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municipalities mail out letters to each commercial business for them to have a plumber come to their establishment to conduct a cross connection inspection at the business cost. Jamey Flaherty will attain copies of other municipal documents and bring to the April board meeting.

Discussion and possible action regarding Village owned service truck. Director of Public Works, David Patterson, presented two bids for purchasing a new service truck. **Motion by Jamey Flaherty to recommend to the Village board purchasing a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado from Johnson Motors for \$43,000.00 and to purchase a customized truck box with crane from Monroe Truck Equipment for \$35,716.00. Second by Jim Duncan. On Roll Call: Jamey Flaherty, yes; Jim Duncan, yes. Carried.**

Discussion and possible action on lining sewer lines near the intersection of West Main Street and Pearl Street. Discussion and possible action on lining sewer pipes by the Polk County Government Center. With the emergency sewer repairs completed in February by the Polk County Government Center and the repairs completed the intersection of Pearl Street and Main Street in 2022, the committee shared an interest in having someone camera the sewer lines to see if they can be lined this year. Director of Public Works, David Patterson, will attain bid for camera services for the sewer lines on West Main Street spanning from the Catholic Church East to Pearl Street and the sewer lines by the Government Center near State Highway 46 N.

Discussion and possible action regarding simplified water rate increase. **Motion by Jamey Flaherty to have Clerk's office review the steps needed to apply for a simplified water rate increase. Second by Jim Duncan. All in Favor. Carried.**

**Motion to adjourn by Jamey Flaherty. Seconded by Jim Duncan. Carried. 5:47 p.m.**

Amy VanDeBrake, Village Clerk Treasurer

Elizabeth Hoag, Deputy Clerk Treasurer