

Village of Balsam Lake

Sewer/Water/M&E Committee

Monday, April 24th, 2023

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Jim Duncan at 4:30 p.m.

Members present on roll call: Jim Duncan, Jamey Flaherty, 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 (WTP). Jeff Nussbaum from SEH spoke to the committee regarding the water treatment plant final designs. Project engineers were able to firm up the footprint for the WTP to 1,900 sq ft. This has reduced the size of the building by one third. The building will have a metal roof with a roof hatch located over well number three. The committee and Jeff Nussbaum discussed the pros and cons to a variety of exterior finishes. In reviewing where the WTP will be located within the plat map, Zoning Administrator Ben Campbell, communicated the Village will have to attain a variance as the location where the backwash tank will be placed does not meet the 25-foot set back requirements. Jeff Nussbaum shared; the Village could consider making one CSM by combining the WTP parcel with the Fire Department parcel. A northern and southern route for placement of sewer and water lines took place. The committee agreed the identified northern route for backwash waters would be best as it would bypass the lift stations throughout the industrial park. Current easements for the utility line route will be reviewed by the Village attorney. Committee Chairman, Jim Duncan, asked Jeff Nussbaum if SEH could predict how much of a water rate increase per quarter could Village residents expect. Jeff Nussbaum communicated that more steps need to be taken before they would have a better idea as they are working through the pre-audit meeting with the PSC and the DNR. Hopefully by early June, SEH will have a better idea for what the rate increase will look like for residents. With the June 30th, 2023 Safe Drinking Water Loan Program application deadline, the committee should schedule a meeting for May. In May, the committee will review the final specs for the WTP and action will need to be taken at the June 5th, 2023 board meeting for approval to send to the DNR and PSC.

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 grease traps for businesses within the Village. The committee reviewed the current Village code regarding property owners' responsibilities for grease management. Director of Public Works, David Patterson, stated there has been an increase of grease being sent to the sewer plant. **Motion by Kellie Flaherty to recommend to the board having letters be sent to food service businesses throughout town that they need to install a grease trap in their business. Second by Jamey Flaherty. All in Favor. Carried.**

Discussion and possible action on lining sewer lines on West Main Street starting at the Catholic Church, east to Pearl Street. The sewer lines will be inspected on April 27, 2023 and DPW will have a better idea if said sewer lines need to be lined. **Motion by Kellie Flaherty that pending the inspection, David Patterson shall attain two bids for repairs that are needed. Second by Jamey Flaherty. All in Favor. Carried.**

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Discussion and possible action on lining sewer lines by the Polk County Government Center. The sewer lines will be inspected on April 27, 2023 and DPW will have a better idea if said sewer lines need to be lined. **Motion by Kellie Flaherty that pending the inspection, David Patterson shall attain two bids for repairs that are needed. Second by Jamey Flaherty. All in Favor. Carried.**

Discussion and possible action on replacing sewer pond fence. In 1978 over 3/4^{ths} of the sewer pond was installed. Said section is now in need of repair. **Motion by Kellie Flaherty to have David Patterson attain two bids for replacing the section of fence around the sewer ponds. Second by Jamey Flaherty. All in Favor. Carried.**

Motion to adjourn by Kellie Flaherty. Seconded by Jamey Flaherty. Carried. 6:30 p.m.

Amy VanDeBrake, Village Clerk Treasurer

Elizabeth Hoag, Deputy Clerk Treasurer