

Village of Balsam Lake

Sewer/Water/M&E Committee

Monday May 19th, 2025

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Len Manning at 5:15p.m.

Members present on roll call: Jamey Flaherty, Kellie Flaherty, Len Manning.

Others present: Gary Johnson, James Duncan Jr., David Patterson.

No Public Comments.

Discussion and possible action regarding hydrant & connection at 204 1st Avenue East. Director of Public Works (DPW), David Patterson, was in attendance. It was stated with the removal of the home at 204 1st Avenue East; the Village can move the hydrant and water service line connection further away from County Road I. DPW attained bid from Core & Main for a new hydrant, pipe, fittings, valve and box. The total proposed bid was \$8,556.69. It was stated this is a project the Public Works Department could install this summer or if needed the Village could contract Nick's and the estimated cost for installation would be \$2,500.00. **Motion by Kellie Flaherty to recommend to the Village Board approving the bid from Core & Main for \$8,556.69.00 to replace the hydrant and water service line near 204 1st Avenue East. Second by Jamey Flaherty. All in Favor. Carried.**

Discussion and possible action regarding trailer mounted sewer jetter. Currently the Public Works Department rods municipal sewer lines twice a year. It was stated they rod 12,000 feet of sewer line a year. They also flush the sewer lines twice per year. In the past, the Village has hired companies to jet sewer lines, and it costs \$150.00 per foot to clean. DPW worked with Deputy Clerk Treasurer to attain estimates for a trailer mounted sewer jetter. This would clean and flush the sewer lines simultaneously. Prices ranged from \$24,900.00 to \$67,500.00. DPW has the opportunity to test out a new 2023 Mongoose 184 LT trailer mounted wireless remote jetter. The current price for said jetter is \$49,000.00. No formal motion was made, however the committee was in agreement to have DPW have the company bring the jetter to the Village to test out for the month of June.

Discussion and possible action regarding blower repair or replacement for sewer department. **Motion by Jamey Flaherty to recommend to the Village Board to hire C. Emery Nelson to remove the old blower and replace it with a new one for a cost of \$9,446.00. Second by Kellie Flaherty. All in Favor. Carried.**

Discussion and possible action on Water Treatment Plant Project. Every third Monday of the month there is a progress meeting. The WTP project is underway. The final sections of water main are being installed and the footings for the concrete pad should be installed soon.

Discussion and possible action regarding grease trap for restaurants within the Village. Due to the significant amount of grease being sent into the sewer system, the Public Works Department continues to unclog lift stations thus increasing the potential for backups or emergency calls. The Village does have an ordinance with specific regulations relating grease, oil and sand interceptors that many commercial establishments do not follow. In 2023 the Board worked in collaboration with the Public Works Department to develop an enforcement program for the regulations, however due to staffing, the program was never administered. **Motion by Jamey Flaherty to move forward enforcing the Village Code similar to the Cross Connection Inspection Program for 2025. Second by Kellie Flaherty. All in Favor. Carried.**

Motion to adjourn by Kellie Flaherty. Seconded by Len Manning. Carried. 5:23 p.m.

Anna Ball, Deputy Clerk Treasurer
Amy VanDeBrake, Clerk Treasurer