

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting

February 10, 2021

Community Building Arthur, IL

Called to Order 9:00 AM

Roll Call – Rod Randall, Matt Bernius, Christy Miller, Grant Corum

Public Comment – None

New Business

1. Discussion on FY 2021-2022 Capital Improvement Projects was led by Grant C. Projects for the year include the Hersch Manor lift station rehab, a sludge press installation at the WWTP, and the clarifier rehab/imhoff tank removal at the WWTP. A few smaller projects will include the lining and rehab of the wet well at the water treatment plant, as well as the evaluation of the Village's water tower. Grant C. mentioned that he is looking to add backup power supplies and alarm systems at various locations for future year improvements. Matt B. added that he would like to see some of the water main looping of dead ends included in the near future plans.
2. Discussion on FY 2021-2022 water/sewer budget items was led by Grant C. Highlights of those items include upgrading the 1 ton dump truck (50% split with general fund) and GIS mapping equipment to begin building the future mapping of the water/sewer systems. Some additional funds will be included in the budget for a high service pump (WTP), fluoride safety tank installation, and new WWTP building items.
3. The open position at the Public Works Department was discussed. A potential candidate was identified among those in attendance. Grant C. pinpointed a future topic of discussion for the HR committee may include dependent health insurance costs for Village employees. In addition, the title of the new position was briefly discussed. It is the desire of the committee to have Grant C. and the HR committee interview the potential candidate for hire.
4. Discussion on water/sewer rates was also taken up by the committee. Different rate scenarios were discussed. Christy M. stated she wasn't completely on board for an increase in rates as residents still complain about the water quality. She added that she would like to see us provide some form of education to the public on the rates and capital improvement projects past and future. Grant C. inquired as to the specifics of the quality complaints. Those in attendance agree that educating the consumers would be good for public relations and transparency. In relation to the quality complaints, Grant C. mentioned he would like to see us survey the consumers somehow in electronic form for quick, easy tabulation of results. He will look into options and other locations where this has been performed as a possible template. The potential of future storm water fees was also discussed. Currently, there is no fund for large improvements in storm water infrastructure.

Adjourned 9:56 AM

The block contains two handwritten signatures. The first signature is 'Rod Randall' and the second is 'Christy Miller'. Both are written in black ink.