

## Water/Sewer Committee Meeting

August 31, 2022

Village Hall Arthur, IL

Called to Order 9:00 AM

Roll Call – Rod R., Matt B., Grant C.,

Public Comment – None

### New Business

1. Discussion on the Village-owned property around the water tower was led by Grant C. The committee reviewed Douglas County GIS aerial views of parcels in the immediate area. Grant C. suggested having Mike Sullivan survey the area for a possible fence construction and grade work project of the Village-owned property. It was also suggested to contact Midstate Tank to see if they have any interest in purchasing a portion of the western most lot owned by the Village as they currently use it to service their business. The committee will bring this to the Board for approval on the survey work that needs performed. Mike Sullivan had given an estimate of \$1200-\$1800 for the survey work.
2. Discussion of a standby generator at the water treatment plant was led by Grant C. Grant C. provided a bid for review from Harris Electric for this project. Grant C. was going to see if the funds were available in the budget to move forward on this project since the Village had received Douglas County funds for the water tower rehab project. The committee is ready to bring this project to the board for approval. Grant C. indicated there would be some minimal additional costs in a concrete pad and natural gas line installation that is not included in Harris Electric's bid.
3. Discussion of the North Walnut Street water main installation was led by Grant C. Grant C. wanted to verify the intent of Merle Plank's construction so that he could contact Mike Sullivan to put together a bid packet for this project. Rod stated he had talked to Merle about this project and he intends to move forward with building the duplexes. The committee directed Grant C. to move forward on this water main project.
4. Discussion on high service pump #3 at the water treatment plant was led by Grant C. Grant C. informed the committee that following the water tower project, high service pump #3 has developed a winding noise. Grant C. advised that he was working on getting a price and lead time for a replacement pump. If lead times are long he would like to get one ordered, because pump #3 could potentially fail at any time. Once he has the information he will bring this to the Board for approval.
5. Discussion on sanitary sewer easements to Mill Street was led by Grant C. Grant C. informed the committee that the Village still needs to finalize the route and easements for future sanitary sewer to Mill Street. Mill Street currently has no sanitary sewer service and those businesses are on septic tanks. There is currently no plans to install sanitary sewer to Mill St. but it could be a future capital improvement plan project, if a large business would want to locate to one of the vacant lots in the area. Grant C. was directed by the committee to get with Kenny C. and proceed on getting these easements lined out.

6. Discussion on engineering for the FY 2023-2024 capital improvement projects. Grant C. suggested having Farnsworth Group move forward with engineering for next year's CIP projects. In hopes that the bidding phase can take place over the winter months with a summer of 2023 construction.
7. Discussion on the sanitary sewer service issue at 425 S. Pine St. was led by Grant C. During a point repair performed by the Village as part of the sanitary sewer lining project, this service line became disconnected. It was recently discovered when the homeowner began to have sewer back up issues in the basement. Subsequently, the homeowner had the repairs made by a local plumber and received an invoice for \$8,268.94. The homeowner is now asking for relief from the Village. Grant C. had contacted the Village's risk management insurance prior to the committee meeting about the possibility of filing a claim on the Village's behalf. Grant C. was advised that they couldn't say if the claim would be paid. However, it would not raise the Village's premium just to file the claim and have them investigate it. The committee agreed with filing the claim to see what the insurance determines before any further action would be taken by the Village Board. Matt B. was going to contact the homeowner and let them know of our process here and that it may take a little time to come up with a determination. Once the insurance has completed their investigation, this item will come to the Village Board for further action. Grant C. advised that he would work on a report for this situation and email that report to the Village Board members.

#### General Discussion

Grant C. informed the committee that the Village of Arthur Public Works will be hosting flagger training at the community building on September 22, 2022. The class will run from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm. He will be purchasing donuts and bottled water for the attendees. Grant C. also informed the committee of a non-payment issue with a customer but was confident it was going to be resolved by the end of business this day.

Adjourned 9:56 AM

