

Village of Roberts
Public Works Committee – November 9th 2017
Meeting Minutes

The Public Works Committee Meeting on November 9, 2017 was called to order at 6:30 PM by Moeri.

Present: Willard Moeri, Steve Melby, Nate Stork, Glen Hall, Kevin Soltis and Rand Waughtal.

Absent: Scott Lamson

Visitors: Dan Funk, Sandy Traut, John Kraft, Jason Fouk and Tina Hendt.

The Meeting was properly noticed and posted in the Village of Roberts in three locations.

- **Approval of Minutes from September 6th, 2017 – Motion** to approve the minutes for September 6th, 2017 by Waughtal, second by Hall. **Motion** carried.
- **Possible increase of Water and Sewer Rates** – The board was given a sheet with examples of the 3% and 5% increase with the usage of 15,000 gallon. They also got an Audit report with the balances of the Water and Sewer funds from 2013 to 2016. Over the years there have been some water breaks with the expense of the repairs and the loss of the water was a part of the decrease in expense. Starting in 2017 there will no longer be a water tower maintenance contract with Utility Services. Both the water and sewer are in the negative, the PSC could come in and do a full audit if we don't do something at this time. John didn't feel any real big expense to the water side but for the sewer there have been rags showing up in the lines again if they plug the pump it is very expensive to replace. The pump out at the plant has not been replaced since 1983 this would run approximately 15 to 25 thousand dollars.
Motion – To approve the raise of water rate 3% and sewer 7% by Melby, second by Waughtal. **Motion** carried.
- **Update on the Waste Water Discharge Permit** – The DNR has issued the permit, if it is not adjudicated the permit will be approved on November 27th, 2017. Once this is approved SEH will design the building for the Clearas project. John is looking at some funding options. In the permit there will be language that the Village of Roberts will work with the Town of Warren and the Friends of Twin Lakes on the flooding issues. Clearas talked about staffing the plant for the first 6 month for the tours that will occur.
- Waughtal asked when we would have to meet the phosphors levels. This would not have to be met until 2022. There are some vendors that are not happy that The Village of Roberts is looking into the Clearas facility do to the cost of the chemical. The friend from Twin Lakes asked what would happen if the permit got adjudicated, John replied

that the old permit will be locked in until all the legal issues where cleared up and not continue with the Clearas project.

- **Any Other Business** – John updated the board that the new loader has been ordered and will be delivered in 5 to 6 weeks. Nortrak has come to look at our old loader. This will be fine if the buy before the new one arrives as long as they give us one to use until the arrival.
- **Motion** to adjourn 8:30 by Hall, second by Stork. Motion carried.

Barb Newton
Deputy Clerk