Village of Roberts
Public Works Committee – October 21st, 2021
Meeting Minutes

The Public Works Committee Meeting on October 21st 2021 was called to order at 6:30 PM by Moeri.
Present: Willard Moeri, Rand Waughtal, Glen Hall, Kevin Soltis Shawn Dakovich and Steve Melby.
Visitors: John Bond, Peter Tharp, Jackie Peterson and Tim Johnson.
The Meeting was properly noticed and posted in the Village of Roberts in three locations.

- **Approval of Minutes form August 19th, 2021**
  Motion to approve the minutes from August 19th, 2021 by Dakovich, second by Hall. **Motion** carried.
- **Water Leak Sewer Adjustment – Zigan and Peterson -** Waughtal showed the board a bar chart of their water usage, it looks like it started as a pin whole leak. Motion to give Zigan credit for 26,000 on the sewer and that would be divided by two, so the Village of Roberts portion is 13,000 gallon credited to the sewer portion of her bill. Dakovich asked if Newton could print out Peterson's last bill, she had $471.21 left to pay on her bill. This bill has been estimated sense she moved in. **Motion** to credit Peterson $471.21 by Dakovich, second by Waughtal. Motion carried. Melby asked Bond about the meter and the readings? Bond doesn't have much to do with the water/sewer readings, but said that we are fixing some meter because the battery life is approximately 15 years. Melby asked if it is possible to have the trailer park meter readable. Bond said it is not impossible but very expensive.
- **Discussion/Approval of water tower cleaning and maintains in 2022 –** Bond let the board know that the inspection has been done and the outside needs to be washed Bond does not have the report yet but will give to the board when he gets it. The cost will be around $10,000. Bond will get firm prices and bring back to the board. Bond also explained that the next time the tower needs a new paint job it will be very expensive.
- **Discussion/Approval of Well #2 pump removal and inspection –** By the Wisconsin state code the pump needs to be pulled every 20 years, so it will need to be done in 2022 or 2023. A ball park estimate will be in the $20,000 bracket. John would just like to let the board know what is going on in the future.
- **Discussion/Approval of Equipment Replacement Schedule -** Waughtal explained that the schedule is interchangeable for 2021 and 2022. Public works is looking for snow removal equipment and Bond would prefer to have a used loader. Bond has eight companies looking at this. Also on the schedule for 2021 & 2022 are the truck, skid

loader and Skag mower. The 2016 pickup truck is still at Toms Towing. We don't know at this point if the transmission is covered under the warranty.

- **Discussion/Approval of air compressor backup for WWTP processes –** Bond explained that if the air compressor goes down they will not be able to run the plant. He got a quote of $9,050.38. It has failed once already. Moeri asked why it was not included in the bid. Bond didn't know why they did not include it. A new one is 5 weeks out.
- **Discussion/Approval of sludge pump backup for the WWTP –** Bond said if the internal shaft brakes then they cannot thicken sludge. John got a quote on the exact same pump it would be $2,700.00. Clearas cannot get a new one with WWTP contingency fund, because it is for replacement not new.
  Motion to approve a backup air compressor along with the sludge pump for the WWTP by Halll, second by Waughtal. Motion carried.
- **Discussion/Approval of the Regional Biosolids Future Plant Project -** Some of the board members have attended the meeting at the Phoenix in Baldwin. They are facing some major expensies down the road. They are looking at doing a .5 upgrade first. November will be the annual meeting with will be the voting meeting so bond will need to know how he should vote. Dakovich added that everyone seems to be on board with the .5 as the Village of Roberts portion will be 2.5%. The construction will not start until the spring of 2023. The annual biosolid meeting will be in Prescott on November 18th at 10:00 A. M. As soon as Bond gets the invite he will give to the board members.
  Motion to recommend .5 to the Reginal Biosolds future plant project update by Dakovich, second by Hall. Motion carried.
- **Update on the WWTP –** They are struggling out there on the algae. They have the system up and running as of today. They will wait for a week to see if it continues. Moeri asked if they were still chemical feeding it and Bond replied that they are partially. It has been up and running a year. The lights have been changed, instead of a pink they are now white. This upgrade was this is at Clearas expense. Bond let the board know that the DNR will be here October 27th. Anyone can stop by the plant to take a look.
- **Any other business –** Bond got a letter from the commissioner of the rail road about signs and painted the crossing. They have 60 days to get it done so he called St. Croix County High Way Department. He will let them know.
  GIS system Dakovich is looking into it, he has found a cheaper opinion but Bond has not had time yet. Bond also let the board know that Xcel Energy will be shutting off the power on November 4th from 2 to 4 A.M. Melby would like to make sure we have a November Meeting.
- **Adjourn – Motion** to adjourn at 8:15 P.M. by Dakovich, second by Melby. Motion carried.
  Barb Newton
  Deputy Clerk