Village of Roberts

Public Works Committee-November 17th, 2022
Meeting Minutes

The Public Works Committee meeting on November 17th was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Moeri.

Present: Willard Moeri, Glenn Hall, Rand Waughtal, Tim Johnson and Shawn Dakovich
Absent: Steve Melby and Kevin Soltis
Visitors: Peter Tharp and Terri Lubich

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

- **Approval of Minutes for September 22nd, 2022 –** Motion to approve the minutes for September 22n, 2022 with correction noted by Dakovich seconded by Waughtal. **Motion** carried
- **Discussion of Sewer Rate Decrease –** Dakovich handed out some paperwork that he had put together from the 2021 audit and with Megan's help. Dakovich handed out a sheet of with the Sewer Utility Revenue and Expense for 2020, 2021 and 2022 with the 4th QRT Estimated. The very bottom of the page shows the total Revenue/Expense for those years, 2020 shows $167,991, 2021 shows $ 205,543 and this far 2022 $ 7,374 and 232,373 after the estimate. The next set of papers were the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures – Detail report at 46 weeks we are showing that Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures are at $217,375.26. Moeri asked why we would decrease this? Dakovich also had a paper that showed what it would look like if the base sewer rate were to be cut in half. He is running thru the numbers. Bond brought a handout for the capacity it will be reached roughly in the year 2026. Waughtal doesn't think this committee knows enough about how the audit works and would like Sean with Ehlers to sit in on a meeting and let us know about the long-term financing. The sale of algae was going to hold off the increases. Waughtal also added that there might be some money in the contingency fund that we could use for the roof. On November 2nd Bond received and email from Joe Merchak about the meeting that was held at the WWTP on October 27th, 2022, about the hole in the roof. Jeremiah Wendt is going to find someone to repair it. It will go out for bid. The letter from Joe Merchak was sent to the Villages Attorney and we have not heard back from him yet. Waughtal thanked Dakovich and Bond for all their work.
  Moeri would like to have Sean Lentz with Ehlers to be at the December 14th, Public Works Meeting.

- **Discussion of Water Rate Increase –** Last year's 3% raise did not get followed through so Dakovich would like a 3% increase along with a rebate from last year Motion by Dakovich, second by Waughtal. **Motion** carried
- **Discussion of Sidewalks –** Melby is not present so it will go on the next meeting agenda Peter Tharp will bring his hand out to the next meeting. He has not heard anything from Goodwin with Ayers. Table until next meeting.
- **Discussion of CMOM –** Bond will make the changes and bring it back to the next meeting.
- **Discussion of mixer for water tower –** Bond let the board know about the mixer. In the winter we don't keep the tower full. But it is getting harder and harder to do as the village grows. If there was a mixer in the tower it would keep the water flowing, so we could keep it fuller. This will cost about $17,000 to 18,000 to purchase. Moeri ask Bonded what the life expectances is? Bond said the motor is all that we would have to worry about. If we don't fill them all the way, we would run into the worry about the fire department running out of water. We could fill the tower fuller in the winter months.
  Moeri would like to know how the board feels about it. Put this on the next month's agenda.
- **Discussion of equipment replacement schedule –** Waughtal updated the schedule and asked Bond for a replacement cost, he also went from 4 to 5% inflation cost. Waughtal Added $3,000.00 to each year. In 2022 the bucket will be the only purchase made this year. This equipment schedule looks good until 2026. Waughtal would like Bond to look at this closer. The Skag Mower could be pushed out nine years.
  Waughtal said that the sked steer will be paid out of the general fund for the public works. He will fix the Schedule and bring it back the next meeting.
- **Discussion of a bulk fuel tank -** This would be split between the Fire Department, Police Department and the Public Works Department. There would be a deal on buying it in bulk. There would be two tanks: one for diesel and one for gas. You would not be able to turn on unless to have a Smart phone and a code. The price on this would be about $18,300.00 if bought. It is above ground tanks and Bond has not looked into insurance yet. Public Works are waiting on the Fire Department as to where they should be set. How is this going to be paid for? Also, the fuel when we get it. This will go to the Village Board.
- **Discussion of additional Bioreactor at WWTP –** This will go to the Village Board.
- **Any other Business –** None
- **Adjourn –** Motion to adjourn by Dakovich, second by Hall. Motion carried.

Barb Newton
Deputy Clerk