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Committee of the Whole Minutes

January 22, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Chairman Steve Newbold. In attendance were Mayor Joe Behnken, Board Members John Feder and Debbie Politsch.

5. Water and Sewer

5.1 Increase in Water and Sewer rates 6-10%. The Village continues to lose money on this utility. A 6% increase is about 0.13/day and a 10% increase is about 0.22/day per household. It was decided that an 8% or about 0.17/day per household would be recommended. The Village has been actively taking steps to improve efficiency in its usage. This will be an agenda item for the next Board meeting.

5.2 Purchase and finance of 813 new water meters. It was decided that this would be a large financial undertaking for the Village and that systematic replacement of meters would be more feasible. Some work will be started on the large meters beginning with the trailer court. Approval for the purchase of 30 meters will be placed on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

5.3 Water losses YTD through November. See attachment

5.4 Market Street Sewer Project. In design phase by Volkert and will be using MFT funds. Maybe a Summer or Fall project.

6. Personnel

6.1 Ralph Boden compensation. Same as last 2 previous hires and already voted on and approved.

8. Cemetery

Will be contacting Steve at Countryside for renewal of services.

Ordinance

9.1 Compensatory Time Ordinance Change. Will review previous notes

10. Improvements and Grants

10.1 Replacement of Fire Hydrants & Road Repairs at NACUSD using TIF Funds. There are currently 3 hydrants that leak and have been shut off. There are still active hydrants in service by the school. It is a large project and Chris to be contacted to obtain bids. Debbie will contact David Parker for an opinion on the road that parallels the ball diamond.

11. Public Safety, Ambulance and ADA

11.1 Ambulance fund Operating Loss YTD 12/31/23. Pending January 2024 report. Follow-up with Josh and Andrew on a collection process

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11.2 ALS Ambulance Service. Unknown details at this time. Joe is opposed as gain is minimal for expenses.

Other Business

13.1 Already noted on 11.1

13.2 Lettering on New Police vehicle. Defer lettering for 3 months to see about increasing effectiveness on drug busts per the Chief's recommendation.

14. Motion to Adjourn. Made by John and seconded by Debbie. Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Minutes submitted by Steve Newbold