

Committee of the Whole Minutes

February 26, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Chairman Steve Newbold. In attendance were Mayor Joe Behnken, Board Members John Feder, Arlene Geppert and Debbie Politsch. Josh Dietz was present representing the Ambulance Service.

4. Finance and audit

4.1 Discussion of Ambulance Profit and Loss Statement. John went down line by line of the statement with questions that Joe and Josh answered. Addressed were the sales record which the Chicago service manages and the 40 % increase in Medicare/Medicaid payments effective January 1, 2025. Joe stated that the break-even point is 3 runs per day. We are currently averaging .75 runs per day. ALS is about 10% of the runs. The Service has currently lost \$116,176 YTD as of January 31, 2025 for the current fiscal year.

5. Water and Sewer

5.1 Discuss water and sewer billing procedures for landlords that want the water bill charged directly to the renter. There is an Ordinance in place for this currently to be followed.

5.2 Discuss initial water turn-on fee charge. Currently \$16.50 and will increase to \$50 .

Public Property and Parks

7.1 Okaw Valley Park Baseball Diamond. A list of issues that need to be addressed at the park was presented regarding drainage problems as well as home plate replacement, placement of base pegs at specified distances, problems with burnt out lights and breaker box problems. John will meet with several individuals to see about addressing these issues.

9. Ordinance

9.1 Compensatory paid time off for salaried employees draft ordinance (attachment). Reviewed and agreed to make it retroactive to January 1, 2025.

11. Public Safety, Ambulance and ADA.

11.1 Ambulance staffing issues. Shortages due to staff being mandated on their primary jobs. Recently there were 25 straight hours where the Service was out of service with coverage provided by MedStar.

12. Marina

12.1 IDNR concern regarding the RiverHouse (attachment). Result from a citizen's complaint. Response from the Village was approved, no citations issued and a clean-up date by December 2025.

12.2 Campground site rental charge revision. Rates increased to \$30/day, weekly to \$120 and monthly to \$450. Provisions for rock to be hauled in and more signage. The pavilion is halfway completed with the concrete pouring.

13. Other Business

13.1 Executive Session Minutes review for releasing to public records. Not received, will be done at the next Committee meeting.

14. Motion to Adjourn. Made by Debbie and seconded by Arlene. Adjourned at 8:10pm.

Minutes submitted by Steve Newbold