

Committee of the Whole Minutes

January 23, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman Steve Newbold. Members present were Mayor Joe Behnken, Gary Kearns, Arlene Geppert, John Feder, Bill Wilson and Debbie Politsch. There were no visitors.

Interviews were conducted on Amy Ohlendorf for the Village Clerk/Collector position. The job description and compensation were reviewed. After the interview it was agreed to offer her the position. Debbie will contact her.

Aaron Stories and Braden Watt were interviewed for the open Police Officer position. It was agreed to offer Aaron the position. I will reach out to Chief Simberger for his approval and the appropriate notifications.

Under regular business, item 3.1.1 was discussed. Members of the board were unaware of the proposed resolution and it was decided to re-visit this in 6 months. CDBG grant 2021 for use in 2022 involving sewer line work by Lehr's Market was discussed with Volkert Engineering to provide the application for an approximate \$1000.00 fee. The application is due by March 2023. The CDBG 2022 grant involving sidewalks on both sides of Market and Jackson streets was also disclosed. Members of the board were also unaware of this proposal. Gary will reach out to Volkert for clarification.

Item 4.1.1. Arlene and Devin Brown, who showed up, gave a report and request for radios for the Public Works employees for communication and safety reasons. It was agreed to purchase 5 radios for a total of \$2300 with an extended 5 year warranty for \$325 for a total of \$2625. It will be placed on the agenda for formal approval.

Item 4.1.2. Arlene reported that ambulance radios are needed. Bids and prices will be obtained.

Item 4.1.3. Ted Dennis is retiring and will resign from the Smith vs. New Athens counterclaim. The Village attorney, Kevin Kubitschek, is to gather documents from Ted and turn them over to Risk Management Association.

Item 4.2.4. The subject of the vandalism to the Riverhouse at the Marina was discussed. It was decided to forego submitting a claim.

With no further business, motion to adjourn made by Debbie and seconded by Arlene was approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

Minutes submitted by Steve Newbold