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Committee of the Whole minutes

December 7, 2023

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

Other Business

3.1 Property Tax Levy Ordinance rate of increase. At the December 4, 2023 Board meeting a proposed tax levy rate increase of 10% was not approved. A levy amount needs to be submitted to St. Clair County by December 23, 2023, otherwise the Village would not receive any tax monies collected. There was some confusion on how the rate increase affects households and where the extra revenue is to be used. The 10% increase is not an overall increase but an increase on what the Village collects from the County. A 10% increase would generate for the Village \$23,502.16; however, the tax increase would be \$25.74 annually per household on average (see attachment). This amount would be used for the operation of the Ambulance Fund which is rapidly diminishing. In the event that the Ambulance Service is discontinued, the money would go into the General Fund. The finances of the Ambulance Service are being studied but there are NO plans to shut it down at this time. It appears that this proposal may pass; therefore, it will be placed on the agenda for the December 18, 2023 for a vote.

3.2 Personnel. A meeting with the Public Works staff is scheduled for December 14, 2023 at 6:00pm to discuss operations. Supt. Chris Remick will be contacted to let the staff know.

With no further business, motion to adjourn made by Debbie and seconded by Arlene. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

Minutes submitted by Steve Newbold