

VILLAGE OF EPHRAIM

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Wastewater Committee Minutes Monday April 2nd, 2018 9:00 A.M.

Present: Karen McMurtry- Chair, Joan Fitzpatrick, Jim Peterman, Bruce Nelson, Mike McCutcheon
Staff: Russ Salfi – Plant Manager, Susan Shallow- Deputy Clerk
Guests: John Zimdars

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by chair McMurtry, a quorum is present for this meeting.
2. Changes in Agenda: None
3. Previous minutes – Minutes from March 5, 2018: Salfi suggests a change to item 6 the pumps are from 2005.

Motion per McCutcheon to accept the March 5, 2018 meeting minutes as amended, seconded by McMurtry, all ayes and motion carried.

4. Visitors comments: None
5. **Plant Manager's Report:** Salfi is here to present his report. Sabel Mechanical replaced the EAB aerators. Vacuum Pump and Compressor replaced the Main Lift Pump #3. An alternative impeller and casing was required for the new pump to overcome the 25ft head pressure from the bottom of the Main lift well. This will cost an additional \$1,770 for the cost of the pump. Septic Maintenance has hauled the first load of sludge to Sturgeon Bay, 28,000 gallons. Salfi and the Administrator met with Virginia Hinz CPS from Schenck, to discuss finances relating to Wastewater. The backup float at the main lift pump was not set properly and is not at the correct level and 1 float is non-operational. PJ Kortens will replace the float pack and pump running indicator lights. Cost #1,775.00. The pumper truck has had its annual WI-DOT inspection, no major problems were reported. Water Tests 32 Salfi presented a chart with water test counts for the past few years noted that they are down for 2018. There was 1 pumpout.

Motion per McMurtry to accept the Plant Manager's report as presented, seconded by Nelson, all ayes and motion carried.

6. **Discussion or recommendation regarding the North Shore Rd. SOP:** Salfi contacted Ayres and they could not find any information regarding a quote from 2005 for North Shore Road. Salfi also shared a recommendation from Ayres in 2015 regarding freeze mitigation on North Shore Road. The options that were proposed by McMahan were also presented for the committee review. Salfi proposes we develop a written agreement with Diekman for continued use of her property to perform our SOP. We are currently utilizing the #3 option of the McMahan proposal which is hauling water to the beginning of the force main on the Diekman property on a weekly basis during cold weather. McCutcheon thinks we need to solve this problem on a permanent basis. The problem is that it is a private road and subject to several easements, McCutcheon will get back to the CPC, nothing has changes in the 2 years since the CPC sent a letter to residents, Bristol noted that some residents have brushed, but the road remains quite narrow. Zimdars

stated that there is not any problem with compliance to the ordinance. The committee authorizes Salfi to contact the Village Attorney regarding a formal agreement with Diekman.

7. **Discussion or recommendation regarding Ephraim Septage Service, 2017 revenue report and new vehicle/equipment purchases:** Salfi presented a report concerning the income generated from pumping Holding and septic tanks in Ephraim, in 2017 the total was \$13,725. Salfi suggests we continue on with our pumping service until such time as we need to look into a new pumper truck. Salfi presented a quote for a new utility truck for a flat bed 350, cost \$32,300, and he suggests we take out a loan for the new truck and have the payments come out of the replacement fund. This would be a replacement fund item we would be selling the current ½ ton on Wisconsin surplus.

A second quote was provided from Imperial Industries Inc. for a 300 gal skid that is actually a pumping unit. Cost \$8,855.00. This rig would allow them to access grinding stations and to pump them all the way down. Salfi is awaiting a price for a complete unit. The chassis Salfi wants is a 1 ton dual wheel flat bed. Salfi recommends that we get a new service vehicle. Quotes from other dealers will be required. McCutcheon recommends Salfi get other quotes and come back to the Committee.

8. **Discussion or recommendation regarding REU status changes for properties:** Salfi would like the committee members to consider changing the REU's for the following properties. Salfi stated that according to Diane Kirkland when we installed the sewer system it was based on 89 gallons per day is the residential usage rate for each REU. Based on past practice Salfi recommends 1.5 for each property. Bristol added that a change of use is the catalyst for these changes.

9994 Pioneer Lane, Heritage Harbor Houses- Currently has an REU of 1, Salfi suggests 1.5 REU's

9996 Pioneer Lane, Trixie's/Investment Properties K&M – Currently has 3.5 REU's no changes yet further information needed.

9907 Water Street, RDK Water Street Residence Trust – Currently has an REU of 1

Motion per Peterman that we change 9994 Water Street to 1.5 REU, seconded by McCutcheon, all ayes and motion carried.

Motion per Peterman that we change 9907 Pioneer Lane to 1.5 REU, seconded by McCutcheon, all ayes and motion carried.

Motion rescinded by McCutcheon, second rescinded by Fitzpatrick. McCutcheon suggests that we put this on next month's Agenda after further review.

Bristol suggests that we look at what is going out and what is coming in to a property to determine what REU's should be applied to a property with multiple unit. Salfi will send a letter to the property owners a letter concerning these changes. Changes will take place for the 2nd quarter billing.

9. **Discussion or recommendation regarding the replacement of the air/pressure relief valve (AR1) on the Water Street/Hwy 42 forced main.** Salfi provided an update- Kispert will come up and look at the manhole and provide a plan to replace the valve. Cost will be \$125 per hour for his estimate.
10. **Discussion or recommendation regarding review or amendment of VOE Municipal Utilities Ordinance Chapter 13 Section 13.05:** Review of current ordinance.
11. Visitors' comments: None
12. New business for next meeting, April 30, 2018, K&M Properties REU's. REU rates, Curb Stops, Chapter 13 Ordinance
13. Adjournment

Motion per McMurtry to adjourn this meeting of the Ephraim Wastewater Committee, seconded by McCutcheon, all ayes and motion carried.

Recorded by,
Susan Shallow- Deputy Clerk