

VILLAGE OF FREDERIC PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Village Hall · 110 Oak Street E

Wednesday, February 9th, 2022 · 4:30 pm

Call to Order by Duane Wisse at 4:30 pm at the Village Hall and Zoom.

Roll Call: Trustees: Amber Johnson present; Rob Lillehaug present; Duane Wisse present.

Others Present: Janice Schott, Village Clerk/Treasurer; Roxanne Howe, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer; Bill Struck, Director of Public Works; Craig Swanson, member of the Public

Motion to approve D Wisse as new Committee Chair by Lillehaug/Johnson Vote: Carried

Correction and Approval of October 11th, 2021 Minutes

Motion to approve the May 10th minutes as presented by Lillehaug/Johnson Vote: Carried

Sewer Unit Refund – Reconsideration – Craig Swanson

Craig Swanson asked for a reconsideration of the denial for his sewer credit request based on his past experience with making changes and not needing to do anything extra, or notify anyone else, or fill out paperwork.

Motion to approve sewer charge credit of \$373.33 for Craig Swanson by Lillehaug/Johnson Vote: Carried

Sewer Credit Request

Richard Laboda asked for a credit due to a hose being left on. B Struck verified the spike in usage lined up with the information Richard gave him.

Motion to approve sewer credit of \$100.80 for Richard Laboda by Wisse/Johnson Vote: Carried

Discuss Equipment Needed

A new truck is needed and was approved to purchase last fall, but none were found then. B Struck is working with Larsen Auto Center and a new one, that could be available in April, is only \$4,000 more than a used one they have available. At most, the total cost for the new truck, similar to our current truck is \$37,000 and could have government incentives that will shave more off the cost. The new truck purchase will be split between the Water and Sewer Departments. The old one will be valued by a third party to determine it's worth.

Motion to approve the Water and Sewer Departments to purchase a new truck for \$37,000 by Lillehaug/Johnson Vote: Carried

B Struck discussed getting back up power for the wells and the sewer plant using ARPA funds. The well house is currently using a 1947 generator that needs replacing. The sewer plant has no back up power. Last years quote for the well back up power was \$43,000. The quote for the sewer plant, including the much-needed new control panel, was \$50,000. B Struck would like committee support to get a current bid on these items and agreement that this would be good use of the funds. All members support this need and moving forward with updated bids.

Street Sweeper Update

The sweeper is currently out of commission, and there haven't been any good options found in the last 2 years. More money than was originally planned may be needed to find one. If a potential sweeper is found, a meeting will be called as they are moving quickly.

Replacing Street Lights

This is another project that has been bounced around for a couple years. The old street lights are rotting out at the base and the upkeep is costing more than it should. TIF money is available for this project. A rough estimate last year to replace 10 of them, from the north end of town to Dollar General, came to \$45,000. The Committee supports B Struck getting bids on the light project and as a good use of TIF funds.

Spring Clean Up

After having previous problems with clean-ups, and taking a couple years off, B Struck suggested the change of having residents bring their disposables to the Village Shop, instead of picking it up from them. Instead of sending them a bill, residents would be charged at the time of disposal. Finding a way to help people that don't have the means to haul to the Shop will be looked into. A suggestion was made to collaborate with the school on getting a few guys from a sports team to volunteer to help with that. April 29th and 30th were picked as potential dates. An ad could be put in the paper and in our quarterly newsletter, Facebook and a flyer.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 5:25 pm by Wisse/Johnson Vote: Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Howe
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer