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Public Works Committee Minutes June 26th 2012

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm. Committee members in attendance were Dean Van Den Eng and Steve Lust. Also in attendance were Public Works Director Mark Langer and Village President Nadine Walsten. Todd Klahn arrived at 6:09 pm.

Motion: Lust/Van Den Eng to elect Van Den Eng temporary chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Lust/Van Den Eng to approve minutes of 05/22/2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Langer spoke about the need for lab test equipment. As reported at the June Board meeting, B&M Technical Services tried to calibrate the spectrometer, which tests for chemicals in the drinking water, and found it to be out of calibration and unable to be repaired as the equipment is 30-40 years old and obsolete. Since the calibration cannot be done to meet DNR specs three bids were solicited. Langer provided documentation that this equipment had been flagged as early as 2006 to be monitored for replacement. Hach Company's bid was for \$3,799, B&M Technical Services was for \$4,799 and GENEQ could not supply a price.

Motion: Van Den Eng/Lust to recommend to the Board to approve the purchase of a DR3900 Spectrophotometer from Hach Company for \$3,799 plus shipping. Motion carried unanimously.

Langer showed the committee examples of signs needed at the park. One sign would post the hours that the park is closed and another would direct visitors where to deposit trash and recyclables. The cost of the 12" x 18" signs are approximately \$28 each. **Motion:** Klahn/Van Den Eng to approve the purchase of six signs posting the hours that the parks are closed with the money coming out of the park supplies or street signs budget. Motion carried unanimously. The committee asked Langer to come up with a plan regarding the pickup of recyclables at the park before approving those signs.

Langer presented a letter from Josh Straka at Strand Associates regarding the pros and cons of using Skype if his input is needed at meetings. Strand is able to use this technology if the committee or Board deems it necessary; however, there would be some drawbacks. This will be evaluated on a case by case basis as matters arise.

Langer updated the committee on the need to inspect cross connections at commercial businesses in the Village as mandated by the DNR. The Board previously approved General Engineering and Associates to do the inspections. The inspections are anticipated to be scheduled in July.

Langer updated the committee regarding the repair of the sewer line on Market Street. The Board previously approved contracting with R&K to do the repair. This work is expected to be completed within two to three weeks. After the line is repaired, Langer will report on how to proceed regarding patching the street.

Langer gave an update on the offer made to Landmark to purchase the approximately 2 acre parcel of land that is adjacent to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. An offer was sent, but no reply has yet been received.

Langer gave the Public Works and Utilities reports. Noteworthy items include:

- Properties that have received nuisance ordinance notices pertaining to lawns that are non-compliant are being monitored for future violations.
- Green County completed the 2012 crack sealing.
- Tree inventory work is continuing.
- Summer yard meters are being checked out to residents and there is great demand due to the hot dry weather. More are being produced, currently there are eight residents on the waiting list.
- Curt Golz attended the WRWA water meter class on June 6th.
- Leif Spilde renewed his DNR wastewater certification.
- We are still waiting on a DNR discharge permit.

The 2012 Public Works, Water Utility and Sewer budgets were reviewed.

The 2013 budget process was discussed. Langer will have preliminary figures for the committee to review at the next meeting.

Motion: Klahn/Van Den Eng to adjourn at 6:55 pm. Motion carried unanimously.