

PRESENT: Mayor Laureen Tackman, Christine Schreiber, Dave Donovan, Zack Avery, Levi Currier, Gregor Smith and Mike Alteri of BCA Engineers. Absent: Trustee John Scatena.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Tackman at 6:30pm.

WATER PROJECT UPDATE: Gregor Smith gave a recap of why the water project is necessary. It began with a study and concerns from the Oswego County Health Department regarding safety and sanitary concerns with the water tower. The Village received violations from the HD and they required the tank issues be addressed and an additional water source be found as well as back up power for the water system. The options for the tank were to either rehab the existing tank, put up a new elevated tank at the site or put a new ground storage tank at the well. The other violation was to find an alternate water source either through an OCWA interconnect or a new well at the well field. There were transmission issues due to the age of the pipes and upgrading of the lines is needed as well as water meters for equitable charging. The previous plan was to upgrade the transmission lines, install a new tank at the well field, do the OCWA interconnect and install meters. The new plan that has been introduced removed the interconnect in favor a new well in order to better meet fire flow. BCA met with members of the fire department to discuss their concerns with the interconnect as well as the transmission lines. They ran several hydraulic models and looked at how fire flow acts. The new proposal has a 16" transmission line from the well to a 10" line on Center Street and all the way to Route 49. A line will also be added across Gale Road, as this helped increase fire flow by creating a loop of the water system. These changes have been reflected in the updated budget presented by BCA tonight. Gregor presented several alternatives, with various costs differences. However, while some were less expensive, they did not address the fire flow issues, so therefore they Board felt they were not viable options. The option presented that met all the requirements was Budget Option #1 with an overall estimated cost of \$6,135,000 and the upgrades would last 75-100 years based on projections. The last work done on the water system was 1978. The approximate quarterly charge for water could be \$149.00 with the work necessary. A CDBG grant for an additional \$1,000,000 is being applied for and that along with bids coming in lower that estimated would significantly reduce that quarterly charge. The Village has already been awarded \$2,188,800 in grant money toward the project. The balance would be \$2,946,200 which would be financed over 30 years. Gregor stated there may be more grant monies available as well. Mayor Tackman asked if the meters could be done in a secondary phase of the project in order to reduce the cost. Gregor stated costs of everything are going up due to the economy doing well and prevailing wages are increasing, but he feels it could be done in stages. The board discussed doing incremental increases in the water charge in order to soften the increase. There was discussion regarding ductal iron or HDPE pipe to reduce some of the costs as well. They will look to bid it both ways. Gregor also stated that the USDA target service charge based on our MHI income of \$50,740 is \$866.00. Our cost would fall well below that. The 2017 Comptroller's average cost for water was \$966.00 and the Town of Constantias water charge is \$840.00. The OCWA interconnect was not the answer as they would charge an additional \$30.00 per EDU with no cap. Short lived assets were discussed and the budget includes this in the EDU charge. The board once again stated they want to move ahead with budget option #1, and all the preliminary work has already been done toward this. Gregor will check on the phasing of the project and getting a repayment schedule. He stated the application for the CDBG grant will be submitted on Friday, July 26th and he will contact a hydrogeologist to move forward with the new well.

At 8:10pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to move into executive session to discuss and employee matter, second by Trustee Donovan, all in favor. At 8:21pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to come out of executive session and reopen the regular meeting, second by Trustee Donovan. Mayor Tackman made a motion to increase employee Levi Currier's salary by \$2,500 upon the passing of his WWTP exam and now being a certified waste water operator and to increase employee Zack Avery's salary by \$5,000 for the training and development of the DPW employees. Employee Tom Swistak will receive a \$2,500 salary increase upon the passing of his exam as well. These monies have been re-allocated from the sewer personnel budget for a secondary sewer license that is no longer required since we now have a second licensed operator, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor, Trustee Schreiber abstained, motion carried. At 8:30pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor.