

PRESENT: Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustees John Scatena, Eric Cartier, Trevor Maughan. Absent: Robin Wilson
Also present, Shaun House, David Hinds and Tyler Rice.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Tackman with Pledge of Allegiance.

SEWER PROJECT:

Mayor Tackman wanted to give an update on the current status of the joint sewer project. She gave the board an overview of the project stating the project is still \$18 million dollars short in funding. The project cost rose from \$39 million to it's current cost of \$62 million. The Town hasn't made a decision as to whether it will go forward as the costs are escalating daily. B&L has been tasked with providing a worst case scenario for total EDU costs. Based on our Chief Operator Shaun House's calculations, he believes the operations and maintenance costs are greatly underestimated. We consulted our attorney regarding the current Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) and he feels based on the time that elapsed since it was signed and the fact that the project still isn't underway, the village could back out of the project. If this project doesn't go forward, the village will need to pursue funding to do necessary upgrades to our waste water treatment plant. Shaun feels there needs to be a drop dead date of 1/31/2024 to make a decision regarding the future of the project so the village may take advantage of the next funding application cycle in June of 2024. There is concern that the Constantia town board members are making decisions for money the village doesn't have any control of. No sewer board has been created that involves village board members to provide input regarding this project. Just prior to the meeting today, the village received an email requesting a letter of support for the project and the board discussed this and asked the clerk to prepare a letter to be reviewed by our attorney that states no letter of support will be provided until a sewer board is formed, the public is surveyed again with worst case scenario cost per year outlined, a clerk of the works is appointed, an independent consultant is hired to review the project and a final decision on the project by 1/31/24. The village costs for operations and maintenance will potentially double as a result of this project and per the current IMA, the village residents would be responsible for 63% of the cost of the O&M.

Shaun House asked if we could set up a meeting with our engineers to discuss funding for other projects the village needs to address such as a study for the collection system for grinder pumps, pits, connections, hydrants, etc. as well as the lead and copper replacement program. The clerk will set up this meeting.

PART-TIME/SEASONAL EMPLOYEE

The board discussed our part time employee and it was decided that he will remain as a seasonal employee through 10/31/23 and then be on an as needed basis as his schedule allows. Once the lead and copper assessments begin, this program may cover the cost of a full time employee to assist in this project.

CHIPS/PAVING

Shaun would like to pave half of Kathern and half of West Streets. We will utilize CHIPS monies and he would like to see if we can purchase a salt spreader for the Western Star and also use CHIPS money for this. He discussed purchasing a plow for the pick up truck, but the Mayor would like to wait on this. We will adopt a policy of road plowing that will limit overnight plowing between the hours of 8pm and 3am. A legal notice shall be posted and resolution from Cornell Local Roads will be adopted. At 11:34am, Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.