



President Swisher called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

In attendance: President John L. Swisher, Trustees: Fred Albertz, Randy Bieri, Tim Semo, Donald Smith, Dale Theder and Kelly Wollschlager. Also in attendance: Administrator Mark Johnsrud, Library Director Luci Bledsoe, Fire Chief Jim Wolf, Police Chief Gary Bleecker, MSA Engineer Ben Zeier, Attorney James Hammes and Clerk-Treasurer Joan Dykstra.

**Statement of Public Notice** – this meeting was posted and noticed according to law.

**Approve August 10, 2015 Committee of the Whole and Special Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 9<sup>th</sup>**

A Semo/Theder motion carried to approve August 10<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole and Special Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 9<sup>th</sup>.

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A Bieri/Wollschlager motion carried to open a public hearing at 5:35 p.m.

Steve Wollin of 109 Villa Court asked about the purchase of the lawn mower for the water and sewer if they have a trailer to move the mower and would the mower be used only for water and sewer? Also in the Capital Budget is a different truck and asked if the existing plow would fit the new truck, and if this new vehicle is used to read meters and was the additional gas expense included in the decision. Wollin also questioned the skid loader, new blower at compost site and if there would be enough time to use this equipment and if we should hire our own engineer or have an Administrator/Engineer. He also questioned the wing mower and mowing hours, and if the mowing could be done by someone retired.

A Smith/Semo motion carried to close the public hearing at 5:39 p.m.

**Items Noticed for Discussion and Recommendation:**

**Presentation MSA – Well # 4**

Ben Zeier of MSA presented the Well 4 testing results and what the next steps are and a couple options to proceed. The spinner testing on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 did not show any distinct water producing zones. After the spinner testing, Well 4 was purged prior to collecting water quality samples. The next step included packer testing to determine if portions of Well 4 could be isolated to potentially improve water quality. The packer tests indicated that available water was above the needed 325 gpm, however, the resulting combined radium concentrations for purging the well and two packer tests were above the maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 5 pCi/L. This indicates that for Well 4 to be utilized as a water source in the Village, treatment would need to be installed and utilized to lower the combined radium concentration and the slightly elevated iron concentration (aesthetic limit 0.30 mg/l)

The Village should consider their next step(s) regarding Well 4 as DNR will need to be notified prior to the extended well abandonment agreement expiration on October 29, 2015. The Village should also work with DNR to sign a new extended well abandonment agreement prior to the existing agreement expiration. The two options available to provide the Village with an additional water source are:

1. Construction of a water treatment plant for radium removal at Well 4 has already been drilled and is in place with the Village investing \$769,879 for construction plus additional investment of \$46,610 in testing. This investment would be lost if abandoned. The estimated cost of a new well house, connecting water, sanitary sewer, gas, etc. is \$1.9 million if treating 325 gpm, or \$2.3 million if treating 800 gpm. Additionally, there would be operation and maintenance costs of approximately \$30,000 to \$50,000 per year specifically required for the radium removal process.

2. Continue well site investigation to identify a new well site with more desirable water quality. The disadvantage to investigation of a new well site is that there is no guarantee that a new well located at another site would have a combined radium concentration below the MCL of 5 pCi/L. The risk of this option includes the expense for drilling and testing a well, which, if unsuccessful, would likely be abandoned. It would be more cost effective to utilize existing Well 4. To install a new test well including potential modifications during testing and engineering would cost from \$80,000 to \$120,000, depending upon the amount of testing and/or modifications

Theeder questioned a valve system where it is pumped directly to the tower and blended with water from another well. Ben Zeier said that it is not permitted to valve existing water transmission lines. A new transmission line would need to be added from Well 4 to the tower which would be expensive. The Committee discussed upgrading Well 3 instead of Well 4 or possibly a new well at the new school site. Committee recommended that staff proceed with an extension of Well Abandonment Agreement for Well 4, if possible.

#### **Compost Site Improvements – Trees and Fencing**

Johnsrud indicated that Impact Fees may be available for improvements to the compost site. Trees and shrubs could be planted to screen the compost site from Aztalan Street. To plant 50-65 trees along Aztalan St/CTH B would be \$10,000 a long slide gate installed with opener is \$4,245 and a security system installed including wiring/labor, etc., would be \$4,000 for a total of approximately \$20,000. There is \$58,698.57 in Impact Fees for streetscaping and securing the site until future decisions are made on relocating the compost site. The existing site is permitted and “grandfathered” under the state recycling laws. Chief Bleecker spoke about a swipe card system to open the gate. Semo said they would have to pay for the card and is very costly. Bieri said with a gate and security system it should cut down on the abuse at the site. Albertz said if the compost site is moved at a later time the area could be used as a park. Theeder said the City of Watertown has posted hours. The DPW could close the gate at the end of the beginning and end of each day.

A Smith/Semo motion carried to recommend approving the trees, fencing and security by Resolution to the Village Board for approval.

#### **No Parking on Milwaukee Street from South Street to School Entrance**

After discussion which included removing the drop zone, temporary eliminate parking on Milwaukee Street for one week, remove parking on Milwaukee Street entirely, creating a turn lane only, maybe create more parking on Grell Ln., see what the school will do once they remove the portable class rooms in the parking lot or wait and see what the school is going to do with the high school building.

An Albertz/Bieri motion carried to table discussion until the school knows what their plans are regarding the school.

#### **Fire Department – Amend 2015 Capital Budget –Turnout Gear**

Chief Wolf requested five sets of turnout gear at \$2,700 each. Chief Wolf suggested reallocating \$8,500 of 2015 Capital Improvements including computers and rescue inflatable to purchase of turnout gear in the amount of \$13,500

A Smith/Bieri motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote to recommend to the Village Board to adopt a Resolution to approve amending the 2015 capital budget to permit the purchase of turnout gear in the amount of \$13,500 for the fire department.

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**2016 Capital Budget**

Johnsrud reviewed the 2016 capital budget. The 2015 GO debt issue for General Fund capital outlay items total \$398,000, with the fire capital using 2015 GO debt of \$60,000, TID #3 GO debt of \$95,000 and \$60,000 coming from County Highway Aid.

Bell Parks capital outlay projects consist of \$70,000 for a basketball court and \$100,000 for pavilion/restroom which would all be part of the GO debt borrowing.

Wollschlager questioned the need for a \$95,000 walking trail. Johnsrud explained this would be a TIF #3 expense as the trail would complete the trail already started in TIF #3 to connect to the TREK property and would continue to finish the loop. This project would be paid through taxes paid by and assessments in TIF #3 and not general fund. This walking trail fronts the Rock River and would be an asset to the Village.

Smith questioned the \$40,000 squad car, purchase of two heart monitors in one year for \$50,000 and instead purchase one every five years and the request by the fire department for another \$15,000 for five sets of turnout gear. Johnsrud said the \$50,000 for the two heart monitors may have to be increased by an additional \$7,000 after receiving additional information and yes this would be an additional \$15,000 for turnout gear as the turnout gear and the heart monitors are all outdated. Swisher stated the monitors and equipment is obsolete now and they do have a ten year life expectancy.

There was also discussion by the committee for the cost of the webpage update for \$30,000. The TID's would be able to pay for the upgrade and this website would be user friendly for someone wanting to reserve any of the parks and submitting any type of applications/permits and also save time for staff for downloading document on to the websites. Swisher questioned the demographics of website use as it seems like the demographics have changed and others questioned what the hits are to the webpage? Bieri and Albertz also questioned spending that amount for a web page. Johnsrud said CivicPlus can come to the next Village Board meeting for a presentation of the website.

Albertz questioned the \$10,000 for chairs and tables at the Community Center. Johnsrud stated that many of the tables are damaged and the chairs are stained from ten years of heavy use. Assigned funds are being used for the tables and chairs. Should we proceed with the parking lot at Centennial Park or if the drainage situation should be rectified first with drain tile? Drain tiling in the park could be part of a borrowing as it would last more than ten years. Johnsrud stated we would have to contact MSA for drainage at Centennial Park. Smith questioned the sidewalk situation on South Street. Sidewalk repairs are done as part of a special assessment to the property owner, and DPW Trumpf is updating all sidewalks in the Village.

The 2016 Capital Budget also includes \$15,000 for street & curb painting (this is for the paint only) and \$18,000 for crack filling streets, this is for material only. A crack filling company would charge \$5 per foot where the Village cost would be \$3 per foot. The streets to be seal coated are part of the WISler ratings that is done yearly. The paint and crack filling lasts greater than a year that is why materials for painting and crackfilling are in the Capital Budget Johnsrud stated. Albertz asked if the DPW does crack filling who will do the mowing, prioritizations must be made.

A Smith/Theder motion carried to open a public hearing at 7:12 p.m. Jon Adams of 131 Pheasant Run complained about the mowing and pulling of weeds, that aren't getting done and if you are taking into consideration the actual labor costs of mowing expenses, maybe it should be out sourced and then it would get done. Laurie Adams of 131 Pheasant Run questioned the crack filling cost at \$5 a foot out sourced and \$3 per foot for materials but you are not considering our labor costs, so you are not comparing apples to apples. Steve Wollin of 109 Villa Ct said the lawns are not getting mowed. A Semo/Bieri motion carried to close the public hearing at 7:16 p.m.

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Johnsrud said the fiber optic cable amount for \$10,000 is a correct dollar amount to connect Village Hall with the Police Department via Fiber Optic Cable. Currently the Police Department and Fire Department have their own servers at two locations. The goal is to centralize all data servers into one location at Village Hall. All data is backed-up nightly. If a disaster, such as a tornado happens, the Village could have the system up and running as soon as the new hardware is in place. Fiber Optic Cable allows the Village to accomplish this.

Albertz questioned outsourcing lawn mowing as this is still an issue and an attempt should be made to make a change. Theder said mowing is not getting done and the \$30,000 cost for lawn mowing for 1,029 hours for the 2014 season cannot be accurate. Bieri suggested to try out sourcing mowing for a year.

Swisher said if we add these things to the budget what must be taken away, what is most cost effective, more part-time summer help or hire out? Johnsrud said these decisions can be made as part of the operating budget but we are limited to a set amount of increase in operational expenses.

A Wollschlager/Bieri motion carried to open a public hearing at 7:37 p.m. Steve Wollin of 109 Villa Ct. asked why we are contacting MSA for tiling of Centennial Park, just tile where the problem is. A Smith/Albertz motion carried to close the public hearing at 7:39 p.m.

Swisher summarized the discussion with keeping the high-lighted items in the 2016 five year capital budget and look at outsourcing mowing. Swisher asked if we should revisit the south side infrastructure and not wait five years as the water and sewer has the money to fund their part of the project. Johnsrud said if you move forward with the South Street infrastructure the property owners would be special assessed for curb/gutter/sidewalk. Theder said the South Street infrastructures repairs have been discussed and put off for many, many previous years. Swisher stated the department heads also have a concern for this area of the Village. Bieri said we discussed previously that we should wait until what the school will do before we proceed.

Consensus was to move ahead tentatively with the Capital Budget. Johnsrud will present the Administrator's Budget at the September 28<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole meeting.

**Requesting Exemption from County Library Tax – Resolution 102-15**

A Semo/Bieri motion carried to recommend the Village Board approve by resolution requesting exemption from the County Library Tax.

**Award Bid – Lime Storage Tank Restoration – Sewer Utility**

A Smith/Semo motion carried to recommend the Village Board approve by resolution awarding the bid for the lime storage tank restoration to Dynamic Designs in the amount of \$12,225 for option 1 to remove rust, spot prime and re-paint tank with logo.

**Adjourn**

A Bieri/Semo motion carried to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Joan Dykstra  
Village Clerk - Treasurer

Disclaimer: These minutes are uncorrected; any corrections made thereto will be so noted in the proceedings at which these minutes are approved.