

Committee of the Whole
January 27, 2025
MINUTES
6:00pm

Board present: Steve Buss, Claudia Simpson, Christin Keeffer, Brian Peight, Brooke Baldauf, Dean Rood, Brandon Smith, Cathy Stevens, Nicole Callos. Also present: Derek Thompson, Tillie Coomber, Kory Polhill, Lindsay Buss, Louise Workinger

Call to Order

- 1) The Committee of the Whole meeting of January 27, 2025 was called to order by President Buss at 6:16pm, following the Special Board Meeting.

Public Participation

- 2) There was no public participation at this time.

Approval of Minutes – November 25, 2024

- 3) On a motion by Peight second by Keeffer to approve the meeting minutes from November 25, 2024. ALL AYE.

Discuss Budget

- 4) The Board reviewed a worksheet Callos provided showing the preliminary budget. She asked that everyone has their budget notes for all departments in before the February Board Meeting. Topics listed for addition: Front entryway to Village Hall, Village website updates and road work. Buss noted that the loan has not been drawn on yet, as road work has been paid for with general funds so far.

Discuss Village Project Updates

- 5) Derek Thompson gave the following updates: Lena Drive Inn storm plans are wrapped up. Milfred: IDOT had comments. Townline/Main/Camp Streets: designs are underway. Buss noted a sump pump on Camp Street that runs all year; Thompson stated it will be addressed by an inlet. Once potholing results come back, it will take approximately a week to start work.

Discuss Wastewater Treatment Plant – Phase 1

- 6) Thompson proposed four major updates for the waste water treatment plant: new flow meter, new screens, sludge pit improvements/ new pumps, new clarifier. To do all is an estimated four millions dollars. The digester that needs to be replaced at some point and is estimated to be 7 million. Smith stated the Village does not want to raise rates again so this is why the work is being done in phases over time. There was discussion held on the IEPA loan forgiveness and potential time frames to pay it back.

Discuss Water Main Plans

- 7) This was discussed at the Special Board Meeting.

Discuss Removal of Sand Filter at Sewer Plant

- 8) Buss explained the sand filter is essentially a large dumpster, that has not worked since installation in 1989. Bids came in for 35-40K to take it out. Brandt Esling found someone to take it out for \$2,800.

Discuss Sewer Lining Bid Opening

- 9) This was discussed at the Special Board Meeting.

Welfare of the Village

Stevens reported law states the Village website must be ADA compliant. The updates will be made with the new carrier.

Adjournment

- 10) On a motion by Smith second by Rood to adjourn the January 27, 2025 Meeting at 6:40pm. ALL AYE.

Submitted by Claudia Simpson, Village Clerk