

**FREDERIC PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Minutes**

April 12, 2017 at 4:30 pm

Meeting called to order at 4:30 pm, Frederic Village Hall by George Hansford.

Present: Jeff Carley, George Hansford, Todd Miller, Milton Daeffler

Present- Staff: Ken Hackett, Jen Phernetton

Absent: Brandon Ayd

REVIEW WATER AND SEWER DEPT FINANCIALS:

Phernetton presented 1st quarter 2017 billing on a spreadsheet with 1st quarter 2016 for a comparison. Hansford asked for annual budgeted revenues. Currently both the water and sewer department are running well below budget for expenses. Hansford suggested if the departments can stick below budget and revenues are up if it would be possible to purchase all new upgraded meters for the Village. He also asked Hackett to provide a list of the departments budgetary plans for 2017. All members agreed the upgrade would be beneficial. Hackett also stated that the Village is way behind on state requirements to test and replace meters. Hansford asked that we find out what it will cost and if we can afford it.

SEWER MAIN REPAIRS AT 201 2ND AVE N:

Milton Daeffler supplied a written request for his sewer main to be dug up to resolve the sewer back up issues he has been having the last couple years. Daeffler stated if the issue that causes the sewer to back up is on his property he will pay for it. Hansford directed Hackett to organize the completion of this task by calling Bob Carlson and get it scheduled.

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH SIREN:

Committee discussed the agreement and consensus was it was beneficial to the Village and was a standard document. Hansford made a motion to sign the agreement with Siren and also draft one for Luck and Grantsburg. Miller second, Carried. **Further discussion about equipment sharing program with Luck. Hackett said he will check with DPW of Luck to see where this agreement stands and pursue it.

CONSIDER SEWER RATE CHANGE:

The committee reviewed Luck's current rate change and compared it to our rates. Phernetton asked the committee to table this until she can collect more data from surrounding municipalities for a rate study and until she can review the 2016 audit numbers. She also stated the auditor has suggested numerous times to raise the rates.

UPDATES:

Equipment and future needs:

Hackett did not get quotes from vendors back in time for the meeting. He said he did contact a Caterpillar sales rep about getting the value of the Loader and the cost of a new Loader. He had also contacted a vendor about the Ventrax.

Salt Shed:

Phernetton did hear back from Polk county Highway Commissioner Emil Norby and a WI DOT rep Mike Ostrenga. Both parties are interested in constructing a salt shed in Frederic. Mr. Ostrenga did comment in an email that the state would not be able to fund it until late 2018 or most likely 2019. Phernetton will stay in contact with both of them by email.

Adjourn: Daeffler motioned to adjourn at 5:30 pm, Miller second. Carried.

Minutes by Jennifer Phernetton