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MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Webb. Councilmembers Bezdicek, Hinds, Smick and Smith, Public Works Chris Canaday, Sam Snead from SJ Environmental via Zoom call, and the town clerk were in attendance.

The minutes of the December 12, 2022 meeting were read and approved as read.

The payables were presented to the Council for their review and discussion. The payables were moved by Bezdicek and seconded by Smith. Motion carried by a vote of the Council.

CL# 14798-14801 & EFT's	\$ 25,479.36
PR# 13 th Month Transactions 14781- 14797	\$ 4,746.64

SJ Environmental Sam Snead gave a video presentation on concerns for Inflow and infiltration (I&I). With all the snow melt and rain the groundwater and stormwater entering the sewer system is overwhelming and dilutes the Biomass which causes the system to not clean out and we don't pass inspections. Manhole covers are also a concern. Some do not fit properly and cause rainwater and groundwater to also enter the system causing problems. The School is a major contributor to I&I issues. All snow or frost melt and rain drains directly into the sewer system causing major increases in I&I. This is something that needs immediate attention. Sam will forward contractor information to give to the school. The mayor will contact the school to give contractor information and get the status on their progress to get I&I fixed. The clerk will check to see if Manholes are eligible to use for ARPA/SLFRF money.

Water Rate increase was discussed. Due to Covid and all that went with it, the planned rate increases were postponed. In order to have funds to repay upcoming loan and costs of the new Waste Water Treatment Plant increases will be needed over the next few years. An increase of \$15 was agreed upon. With a motion from Smick and seconded by Hinds a public hearing was approved for the next council meeting.

Conversation for the abatement process for 106 S Margin was started. With direction from the Town attorney the council will send one more letter to the resident to try to get clean

up done. The resident will have until March 30 to complete clean up or the town will serve a notice of civil violation and request reimbursement for court costs and any incurred fines.

Public Works discussed the shop roof, water classes for Steven, need for a side-by-side, and other public works projects. It was agreed by the council that public works would work up specs for equipment needed for the bid process.

Employee cost of living increases was discussed. The 2023 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) is 8.7 percent and the inflation rate is 7.1%. The council will take printed information and make a decision at the next meeting.

The mayor informed the council that a meeting with Tim and Daniel Willson was set for Jan 11th to discuss the Sunset addition, builder responsibilities, expectations, and ideas.

Invitation to the February 13th meeting will be given to the owner of the building possibly changing hands on Front Street.

No request for additional comments was stated and it was moved by Mayor Webb, seconded, and unanimously agreed to adjourn. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.



F. Shani Hergert
CLERK-TREASURER



Michael G. Webb
MAYOR