

# \*\*\*FINANCE MINUTES\*\*\*

April 21, 2015

**SAUKVILLE MUNICIPAL CENTER  
639 E GREEN BAY AVE, SAUKVILLE, WI**

Village President Barb Dickmann called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Village Administrator Dawn Wagner gave the Statement of Public Notice.

Members: Barb Dickmann-present, David Maglio-present, Dan Sauer-present, Mike Krocka-absent, Michael Gielow-present, Joe Caban-present, and Scott Fischer-present.

Others Present: Dawn Wagner, Mary Kay Baumann, Chief Goetz, Vicki Lee, Ray deBruijn, Ray Hartmann, Dale Kropidowski, Dave Maccoux-Schenk, and Mark Jaeger.

## **APPROVE CLAIMS FOR MARCH 2015 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$190,272.77**

**Maglio/Gielow made a motion** to approve the claims for March 2015 in the amount of \$190,272.77 as presented. Motion carried.

## **BUDGET WATCH**

Wagner stated that there is nothing out of the ordinary and we are trending well.

## **INVESTMENT REPORT**

Lee stated there are no changes. We will see a change next month when the borrowing comes through.

## **WATER RATE CASE**

Dave Maccoux, Schenk, reviewed the letter he submitted to the Village presenting a five year analysis illustrating the activities and the projected activity with Well No. 6 being placed in service.

Maccoux explained that, because Well No. 6 is considered major construction, it assumes the activities were in place all of 2015, however, actual 2015 operations will only include costs after Well No. 6 is placed in service.

Maccoux explained that revenues are expected to remain constant, excluding the Arkema payment. The loss of Arkema accounts for approximately \$107,000 in annual revenue.

The test year includes an estimate of non-routine repairs. These repairs can be expensive but are not incurred annually so the amount is projected each year to recover costs.

Maccoux explained that operation and maintenance costs include estimated costs for Well No. 6 plus inflationary increases since the last rate application.

Maccoux stated that in the PSC application the Village would anticipate a 6% rate of return. This would present a reasonable cash flow consistent with the PSC guidelines.

Maccoux felt that a 22% increase would be reasonable. The increase would only affect the water component of the water/sewer bill.

The last rate increase was in 2010.

Dickmann asked what the next step would be.

Maccoux stated that if the Board approves the filing, Schenk would file the Water Rate Case Application with the PSC on behalf of the Village.

Wagner stated that if the Committee wants to move forward with the rate increase, it would be a recommendation to the Village Board to authorize Schenk to file the Water Rate Case Application with the PSC on behalf of the Village.

**Caban/Fischer made a motion** to recommend to the Village Board authorizing Schenck to file the Water Rate Case application with the PSC with a 22% increase on behalf of the Village. Motion carried.

#### **WARNING SIREN UPGRADE PROJECT**

Morrison stated that he located a report from 2000 showing that the 4 warning sirens were 20-25 years old at that time and were no longer supported. Morrison said the 4 rotary sirens are still working.

Morrison stated that we have worked with American Signal Corp and they recently came up with a program that works with our system.

Morrison stated that the Village would not need to go through the county in the event the sirens need to be sounded.

Morrison reported that other surrounding communities are looking at the same program. By all being on the same program, each community would have the ability to sound/trip the alarms for the others.

Morrison is recommending reducing to three (3) sirens located at Wal-Mart, DPW, and the Industrial Park. The estimate is \$7,000-\$8,000 per siren plus \$8,000/installation each. The total estimate would be \$50,000. Morrison stated that the estimate would be reduced by \$20,000 if the DPW was able to do the install.

Morrison stated that there are two options:

- Option 1 - Buy Basic System & 1 Siren - Year 1  
1 Siren - Year 2  
1 Siren - Year 3
- Option 2 - Buy the System and all three (3) sirens at one time.

Morrison stated that the range for each siren is approximately 1.2 miles over average terrain.

Wagner stated that this was a good time to bring this to the table early so numbers can be refined before budget time.

Morrison has requested different quotes from the salesman.

Wagner stated that staff will be talking with Ehlers regarding financial management planning and this will tie in to capital planning discussion.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

Morrison reported that May 2<sup>nd</sup> is Community Emergency Preparedness Day at the YMCA. The Village will have representation at the event.

Wagner reported that the Annual OED Outreach Event will be held Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at Shully's in Mequon.

Wagner reported that Management Staff will be going through training on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The topic will be Emotional Intelligence.

deBruijn reported that the DPW has raised \$79,446.00 through the on-line auction site. This money will be put in to the DPW Equipment Replacement Fund.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Sauer/Gielow made a motion** to adjourn. Motion carried at 7:52 p.m.

Mary K. Baumann  
Deputy Clerk