

**Village of Rossville  
Water & Sewer Committee Meeting  
February 27, 2017**

The Water & Sewer Committee met at the Rossville Municipal Building, located at 120 East Attica Street in Rossville, Illinois, on February 27, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. The committee met to discuss increasing water and sewer rates and approve past committee minutes.

Committee Chairman Stream called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with a quorum present including Trustees Stream, Smith and Cornell. Guests present were Mayor Queen, Clerk White, Trustee Buck, Superintendent Lusk and Mike Mahorney. Trustee Null arrived at 5:03 p.m.

Mayor Queen requested some guidance with the matter of 101 South Chicago. Mayor Queen suggested he talk to Steve Long regarding allowing the mayor to go inside the building with an engineer to see if the building can be stabilized. No action was taken.

Mayor Queen announced he attended a meeting with Vermilion County Board Chairman Mike Marron regarding an investor, from Peoria, discussing the possibility of purchasing some of the "Dollar" lots to build a low income housing unit like Hoopeston. Another meeting is scheduled with Mr. Marron and the potential investor.

The Village attorney was asked if 107 E. Attica and 113 Maple need to be advertised "for sale" again since they have already be declared surplus a few years ago. The attorney advised the Village should advertise them again to be safe.

Minutes of the January 18, 2016 committee meeting were presented. Motion was made by Cornell, seconded by Smith to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as presented. All committee members present voted yes.

Trustee Stream stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss raising water rates. Hydrants and replacement radio read meters need to be purchased and there are no funds to order them. Sixty hydrants need replaced which cost approximately \$3,000 each, which includes the isolation valves. The radio read water meters are in the 10<sup>th</sup> year of an expected 20 year life. Superintendent Lusk expects when the batteries in one batch begins to fail, the whole batch will need replaced. The radio read meters cost approximately \$203 each for approximately 600 meters. Commercial water meters for 2" cost \$1800 each, 3" cost \$2,000 each and 4" cost \$2500 each. The Village has several commercial consumption customers that are charged for residential meter charges. Superintendent Lusk suggested the Village establish a commercial rate for water consumption.

The last rate increase was for \$6 on the minimum fee for up to 2,000 gallons. The rates increased from \$7 to \$13 when preparing for the water treatment plant to be built with grant funds.

Superintendent Lusk did not feel the proposed \$5 increase on the minimum fees was sufficient to cover the negative balance in the universal account plus replace fire hydrants and water meters and other potential projects. Superintendent Lusk recommended increasing the minimum fee by \$6 per customer then increase the rate annually by a marginal amount.

After further discussion and a request for further information, a Water & Sewer Committee meeting was scheduled to be held on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

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Motion was made by Cornell, seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting. All members voted yes. The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White  
Village Clerk

Committee approved 3-21-22