

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ELBURN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW)
MARCH 4, 2019

Board Members Present: Trustees: Ken Anderson, Sue Filek, Bill Grabarek, Dave Gualdoni, Patricia Schuberg, Matt Wilson

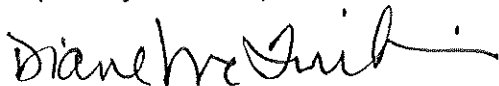
Board Members Absent: President Jeff Walter

Staff Members Present: Village Administrator John Nevenhoven; Finance Director Doug Elder, Village Attorneys Britz & Bill Thomas, Police Chief Nick Sikora; Building Commissioner Tom Brennan; Public Works Supt Phil VanBogaert

Others Present: Residents LeRoy Herra, Chuck Urbasek, Bruce Aderman, Chris Mondl

1. Call to Order – Temp Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.
2. Roll Call – A roll call vote ensued.
3. Public Comment – Resident Bruce Aderman invited everyone to attend the annual turkey dinner at St. Gall Church coming up on Sunday, March 9.
4. Discussion:
 - a. Water & Sewer Rates – Public Works Supt. VanBogaert advised rates are reviewed annually. For FY2020, Staff recommends a “pause” and leave base rates flat because water and sewer operating revenue funds are sufficient to meet projected costs. With building and new accounts increasing, water and sewer operating funds are exceeding expectations whereas cost to add new accounts is minor. Staff will continue to re-evaluate rates annually. Funding to handle water main and sewer line breaks is sufficient but there is not enough to manage Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) in the northwest and southeast quadrants of town. I/I is a topic the Board has discussed for years. Options to fund (SSA, Village-provided funds, low interest loans, etc.) were discussed. When sewer/water improvements occur, typically roads and sidewalks are improved at the same time making the cost higher. Discussion ensued regarding a proper lining program in the village to improve I/I. The longer it is put off, the more funds the Village is spending to treat storm water. EEI can help provide examples of other communities with a process. There was discussion regarding tap-on fees and the need to ensure funds are available for capital projects (tower maintenance, etc.). While tap-on fees have increased annually at 2.1%, it was suggested they increase by 3% this year. There was consensus from the Board to pause the monthly base rate increase and to increase tap-on fees by 3% this year.
 - b. Police Budget – Police Chief Sikora presented the draft budget. Finance Director Elder explained this is the expense side of the Police Department budget and does not include salaries and benefits.
5. Other Business – None
6. Adjourn – Trustee Gualdoni moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Filek and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane McQuilkin
Village Clerk