

Village of Rapids City  
Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss Golf Cart Ordinance  
January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

President Mire called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 6:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Fiems, Clark, Fowler, Rankin, Robertson, Schneider, Mire

Absent: Schneider.

Others Present: Treasurer Ben Barber, Clerk Missy Housenga

President Mire called this Committee of the Whole Meeting to order to discuss budget planning for infrastructure, Public Works, Water, Sewer and Waste Management the 2019/2020 fiscal year; Review and approval of an amended Liquor Ordinance; and to discuss postage. President Mire handed the meeting over to Trustee Rankin, head of Infrastructure.

Rankin presented a list of budget considerations.

The first item on the list was to mention the Assistant Public Works Director would be retiring after this next fiscal year. A replacement should be hired during the 2019/2020 fiscal year to ensure a proper fit in the position and to work towards obtaining a water license. More discussion will take place at the February budget meeting as Personnel is one of the topics to be discussed.

The Water Loop project was placed in the water fund budget in the amount of \$235,000.00. Mire inquired upon the status of the Water and Sewer funds to support the Water Loop Project. Barber thinks the Sewer fund may be able to sustain a loan if needed to complete the Water Loop Project. Barber noted Vehicle and Waste funds will decrease but all other funds will increase this year.

Although a grant has been applied for a new Storm Siren funding still needs to be added to the budget in the amount of \$35,000.00 in case grant moneys are not awarded.

A new locator for the Public Works Department is needed; cost a locator is \$4,000.00; this amount will be split evenly between the water and sewer funds.

The Public Works Department is in need of a new laptop as theirs is about 10 years old. Water and sewer fund accounts will each pay half of the cost of a new laptop, each fund was allocated \$1000.00 for the cost of a laptop.

\$25,000.00 was budgeted in the Vehicle Fund for a new salt truck and plow.

The 17<sup>th</sup> Street maintenance building and pump house needs new furnace/heaters, combined cost for replacement heaters is estimated at \$8,000.00. The cost for the heaters will be split equally between Streets and Recreation Departments, Water Fund and Sewer Fund.

The Village will need to replace one of the mowers this upcoming year; cost is estimated at \$12,000.00. Funding for the mower will be divided between Recreation, Cemetery, and Streets Departments.

The Village Office is in need of a sewer line clean out/tap. In the past the office sewer line has frozen and the staff has had to close the office to use the facilities. If a clean out/tap was installed this could avoid office closures. Installation of a clean out/tap is \$1000.00; funding was budgeted in the Sewer Fund.

The old salt storage building on 17<sup>th</sup> Street still needs a roof. Cost should be \$16,000.00 to give the building a roof, this cost will be split four ways between Streets, Recreation, Water and Sewer.

\$500.00 will be budgeted in Administration Department to give storage for records retention in the storage room.

Previously discussed and researched was an issue of erosion on 17<sup>th</sup> Street hill. Costs were estimated to rectify the erosion issues came in at \$350,000.00, which the Village does not have. MSA Professional Services sent correspondence stating the project agreement has been terminated.

Tabled projects for future fiscal years will include cable and wifi for the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Maintenance Building; the remaining half of 15<sup>th</sup> Street curb and gutter; the replacement of fire hydrants north of RT 84; upgrading the water system control panel; painting of the current siding or replacement siding, seal coating the parking lot at Village Hall;

Another project to consider when a granting opportunity becomes available is to dredge the boat ramp.

Fiems asked the Board to consider remodeling the current Community Center to be the Village Office and to remodel the Village Office to become the Community Center.

Robertson motioned to approve the presented gender neutral Liquor Ordinance. Rankin seconded the motion. All present voted yes, motion carries.

Mire explained postage was going up five cents per stamp as of January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and explained the amount of savings the Village incurs if \$2000.00 worth of first class stamps were purchased. Fiems motioned to purchase \$2000.00 worth of first class stamps. Rankin seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

Having no further business to conduct at this time, Fiems motioned to adjourn this Committee of the Whole Meeting, Rankin seconded. The motion passed, President Mire adjourned by consensus of the Board at 7:40pm.

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Clerk