

Village of Rapids City
April 18th, 2024
Committee of the Whole Meeting

Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss:

- 2024/2025 Budget Planning Meeting – Rough Draft

Mayor Pro Tempore Rankin called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 3:00pm.

Roll Call:

Physically Present: Rankin, DeMarlie, Fiems, Polenske, Robertson, and Fowler
Absent: Mire.

Others:

Physically Present: Clerk Housenga, Public Works Director,
Virtually: None

Fiems motioned to name Rankin as Mayor Pro Tem for this Committee of the Whole Meeting. Polenske seconded the motion, all board members concurred motion passes.

Rankin reviewed the Water and Sewer Fund proposed budget numbers. Each fund budget was reviewed to try to not over budget and keep a true budget.

Rankin and Bump have agreed to defer the painting of the water tower and the water system control panel to cut costs from FY2024/2025 budget. These delays are temporary and only in effect until funding or grants can be found, at which time the budget can be amended. For now, parts can be obtained to temporarily fix the control panel. The Village has left some leeway for borrowing in case of emergency.

Clerk Housenga pointed out once again that revenues in the water fund are reduced due to the removal of the cell phone tower that was once on our water tower. Funds no longer collected amounted to approximately \$1,400.00 per month.

Rankin reminded everyone that water and sewer funds should be self-sustaining from the sales of the utility.

At 3:33pm Rankin phoned Mire to explain to where each fund budget stood after scrubbing through and trying to reduce costs. Mire thanked everyone for their efforts and would like to look at grant opportunities for the items that have been postponed. Clerk Housenga and Mire had discussed privately raising the water rate by \$5.00 per month. Mire would like to discuss a rate increase for water at the next board meeting. Rankin ended the phone conversation with Mire at 3:37pm.

All board members agreed through discussion that property taxes need to go up next year.

Fiems motioned to adjourn this Committee of the Whole Meeting; Fowler seconded. All members of the board concurred, motion passes. President Mire adjourned by consensus of the Board at 3:46pm.

Missy M. Housenga
Village Clerk