

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday, September 26th, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Diane Collins. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

The following persons were in attendance: Mayor Diane Collins; Council Members Shelia Baker, Larry Ridgway, and Mike Barth; Administrator Kent Miller; and Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith. Councilman Ron Beverly arrived late. Councilmen Ron Jones and Eric Bassett and Solicitor Troy Essex were absent.

The meeting was called to discuss the recently completed Water Asset Management Plan. RCAP representatives Roberta Streiffert and Julie Ward were present with a power point presentation and handouts explaining the process. They also had a 10-year projected budget covering operating expenses, revenues, pending and future projects. The Village Water system is an asset of about 23 million dollars. The projections also included a rate structure that would support the utility as necessary for the figures offered, including operations, repair and maintenance as well as large projects. These include a new water tower, a well field, Industrial Drive water and sewer extensions, West High water main replacement and Spencerville loop. A contingency fund would also be set up to cover any unexpected expenses having to do with repair, maintenance or replacement of major components of the system itself. There should be a 6-month operating contingency as well.

Beverly and Ridgway were in agreement that the Water Enterprise Fund is a business and should be run as such. Rate increases are inevitable and unavoidable for the plant to be self-sufficient and provide quality drinking water to the village.

Water Superintendent Jessi Randall reminded everyone that the plant is 40+ years old, and any failure would be very costly. Planning ahead is the only way to go. If council chooses to defer projects into the future, the costs will only go up.

Several options were discussed for providing information to the public. Council will use the village website, the YouTube video of this meeting, possibly a Public Meeting if it becomes necessary. Copies of the Power Point presentation are available at the Fiscal Officer's office, 111 S. Main Street.

Administrator Kent Miller presented a list of projects coming up. They include the following:

- Chicago to El Grande water-main replacement
- Valve work on S Maple St
- A new vault for Southern Hills
- Cathodic protection on the north tower
- Radio read meter installation/replacement
- Industrial Dr water line and sewer extensions
- New water tower
- New well field (land and development)
- LTCP Phase II timeline
 - 2020-2021 Chicago-W High stormwater project
 - 2022-2023 NE neighborhood sewer separation
 - 2026-2027 Defiance Ave and Ogen St Lift Station replacement
- Reminder the Werlor contract is for one more year and then will need to be renewed with an increase of maybe 5% - and operations are in the red now

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Larry Ridgway made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm

Mayor

Fiscal Officer