

February 24, 2009

A Water and Sewer Committee meeting of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2009. Chairman Russell Perrine called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Roll call was answered by Committee Members Russell Perrine and Matt Bernius. Village President Dave Conlin and Village employees Jeff Mercer and Steve Peterson were also present.

Steve Peterson reviewed the status of several sewer projects. The lagoon gate needs to be replaced. The company that made the current gate was contacted, and they don't make that gate any longer. The cost for the new gate is about \$3,111. This doesn't include installation.

An Indiana company can repair four South Vine Street manholes for about \$19,000. This is a better price than a year and a half ago. He would like to budget \$20-25,000 per year to repair manholes.

To replace the lagoon bypass valve everything must be shut off, including the lagoons. The line is under the lagoon. He has enough information for bids. The low flow times are late June, July, August, and September. The best time is to do this work at night, when not much is coming into the lagoons.

There are three quotes for a new mower. The lowest was from Power Plus for \$3,700. It has a three year warranty and a better government deal. The old Honda mower is "shot." The other mowers the Village has are too big for the places he needs to mow. Power Plus can try to sell the old mower.

The sludge pits are full; nothing was hauled last year. The Village could hire a company to clean the pits. They really need to be cleaned every year. The possibility of an inter-governmental agreement was discussed.

The tires on the 1530 tractor are worn out and bald. S. Peterson will call around for prices.

The EPA has SSO, Sanitary Sewer Overflow. If the EPA finds water coming out of a sewer lid, they can make the Village replace it, no matter the length of the line. There is a problem on North Vine Street; the sewer line is under the light poles. The old line is made of clay and has a lot of tree roots. There was discussion about tying that line into the new line for the new subdivision. There is also a possibility of tying the line from the top of the manhole near the corner of Orchard and Columbia to the bottom the manhole at the north end Surrey Lane. Results from sewer line tests in 1984 were discussed.

The lift station pump in Dogwood Drive was replaced, and the other one will have to be replaced soon. He would like to check to see if the one just taken out can be rebuilt so that it can be reused rather than buying a new one.

The cost to rent a truck is \$8,500 per month to clean sewer lines. He will check about an hour limit on the truck.

J. Mercer stated there are 520 meters left to install. After 2 years, 600 have been installed. Of those left to be installed, 110 have old yokes. He thinks it will take a day to change each yoke. The cost to have Lester Mechling install them would be \$45,000, thinking he can change three per day. The cost of 410 meters (the ones without the old yokes) is \$65,000. That is the amount that has been spent per year. It will cost about \$68,000 to replace the last meters and old yokes for the next year.

He talked about some new equipment needed, a metal detector to find pits, and a locator to find lines and wires. He will make a list of what's needed with costs to decide what can be spent in the last couple of months this year.

There was brief discussion about Otto's Canvas wanting Village water, but they are not in the Village limits.

J. Mercer heard that Russ Hayes might be interested in working for the Village again this summer. He was a good, hard worker last summer and wouldn't need much training. This will be discussed at the next Board meeting. There was brief discussion about having an intern work with GIS mapping.

J. Mercer stated he would take his last license exam in April.

President Conlin directed the Committee to get information to Sue Perrine for next year's budget.

Chairman Perrine adjourned the meeting at 6:15pm.

APPROVED David J. Conlin
Village President

ATTEST Jennifer Perrine
Village Clerk

DATE March 3, 2009