

March 17, 2011

A Water and Sewer Committee meeting of the Village of Arthur was held on Thursday, March 17, 2011. Committee chairperson, Mike McWilliams, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Present was committee member J.D. Kuhns and visitors Matt Bernius and Terry Clark. Also present were Water and Sewer department employees, Jeff Mercer and Brandon Potthast.

First item of discussion was planning top projects to present for 2011 budgeting purposes. Brandon discussed the current needs at the sewer plant as well as items that would help alleviate sewer line obstructions. Item presented and reviewed were:

Tooling expenditures;

Inflatable pipe plugs (4) ranging from est. \$173-280 each
8" jetter, cutter and sled. est. \$1500
Will provide estimate for foaming root killer

Needs of the sewer plant:

Replacement of scarper arm. est. \$175
Repair and or replacement of Digester blowers and motors. He also presented literature about replacing the current motors with latest technology. There may be possible grants from DCEO that would cover 75% of the cost as well as yearly figures on electrical savings by replacing the motors.
Requesting updated quotes to replace digester doors.
Requested quotes for replacing valve that does not operate.
Discussion also included previous quotes (\$21,145) for the complete clean of sludge pits.

Jeff presented needs of the water plant as well as possible tooling expenditures;

Tooling:

Jeff requested consideration of purchasing air/electric tools in order to support w/s repairs and meter installations.

Needs of water plant:

The valve for the filter system needs to be replaced it has been rebuilt previously and is no longer supported by the manufacturer. Estimated cost of valve is \$3000 with additional cost for associated electrical work.

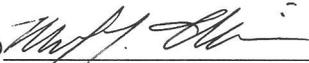
Discussion of cleaning the iron oxide from the wash pit. There were questions if the cost could be combined with the cleaning of the sludge pits at the sewer plant.

A request to run a dedicated water service to the sewer office, currently the water service is a garden hose.

Other items of discussion were; raising rates on water and sewer tap fees, increasing the sewer billing rates, obtaining GPS locating equipment for mapping, contacting colleges about Civil Engineer mapping work study programs to provide help. There was interest in conducting a feasibility study to identify and prioritize w/s replacements.

Additional topics included, were adding a meter fee to the water bill with the funds set aside to be dedicated solely for electronic meter replacement as well as setting up yearling funds for projects.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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