



Village of Wells River
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Wells River Village Trustees Meeting Trustees Meeting 10/5/2023.

Meeting Called to order 4pm

Present: Shannon Young, Mallory Young, Jean Welch, Chip Conquest , John Kiernan Mike Thomas, Jason Winchester, Jeff Morin

***Approve Agenda** - Jean Welch motioned, Mike Thomas Seconded all in Favor

***Review and Approve minutes from September 21,2023** - Jean Welch Motioned, Mike Thomas Seconded all in Favor

***Highway** – We have been meeting with Fema re the Flood damage areas on Water Street and Schaeffer Hill. Chip is going to request a hydrology study for Schaeffer hill . Shannon was told to get a replacement cost for the culvert on Schaeffer hill , Also to ask Tate for cost to riprap the bank. Shannon asked for approval to fix the guard rail at the bottom of Bible Hill The culvert grant Work has been done on Bayley Hazen and waiting on crushed stone delivery from Chief.

Shannon was given approval for up to \$5000 to repair guard rail bottom of Bible Hill Mike Thomas made the motion, Jean Seconded all in favor.

***Water /Sewer** - A Winn Grant has been awarded to the Village for up to \$500,000 John Kiernan will speak . _ State has accepted a grant of \$500,000 to deal with the water issues in the Village. This is strictly for Water.

We need to contract with an engineer, possibly Otter Creek engineer as they have prior knowledge of our system. As we are past the deadline addressing the issues indicated by the state, Chip feels we should use Otter creek unless it is not within their time frame to do the job.



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Chip asked if John would assist us in starting the project and he agreed it was what he was ready to do.

John will check into the Financial aspect so that we can understand how to pay accrued bills.

SEWER

John Kiernan re Sewer – He feels the height of the river is contributing to the high amount of sewer going to Woodsville. We need to determine if the meter is not reading correctly. Jeff Morin says Rural water is coming tomorrow to check it and that we have too many twists and turns to calibrate it correctly.

The manhole review by Wayne Graham found no significant leaks. Jock Oil has been repaired. There are a few lines that need to be flushed.

Jeff is confident that the groundwater is not infiltrating.

Mission control can do the testing but we need to have a straight pipe to do the test.

John Kiernan suggested we suck out the clean out pipe and time how long it takes to pump out 3000 Gallons. Also have mission control come to check the head and see if it is functioning correctly.

Chip asked if John and Jeff could find a way to check the flow through the meters, with mission control. Jeff will talk with Wayne Graham, A test needs to be made on our existing meter. Jeff Morin will schedule it and make the calls.

There are few lines that need replacing Jeff is going to get estimates to add into the 2024 Budget.

John reviewed the agreement with Woodsville and was questioning rates.

Chip will send a note to Woodsville.

Reservoir was cleaned by Divers

Manhole Inspection was done

And the Valve turning was done throughout the Village.

Shut off Delinquent payers – Mike will review steps and let Mary Know if she can proceed.

Financials - Tax collection policy -Jean made motion to accept changes as written, Mike Seconded all in favor.

Misc – Abandoned Car on Roystan Ridge – Mary will get VIN # and see if Police will identify.



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***Public Comment/Other Business - none**

Meeting Adjourned 5:27pm

Future meeting: October 21,2023

Respectfully Submitted
Mary Schilke
Wells River Village Clerk