



Special Council - Combined Finance & Safety Service
Tuesday, October 6, 2020 - 5:00 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Benjamin Lee called to Order the Special meeting of Johnstown Finance, Safety & Service and Council for October 6, 2020 at 5:05 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present - Mayor Chip Dutcher, Benjamin Lee, Cheryl Robertson, Carol Van Deest, Marvin Block (absent at roll, arrived during meeting)

Absent - Doug Lehner, Sharon Hendren

Staff present - Jim Lenner - Village Manager, Jack Liggett - Assistant Village Manager, Abe Haroon - Chief of Police, Dana Steffan - Finance Director, Bailey Klimchak - Village Planner, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

Public present - None

Reminder of Special Finance Committee meeting called for Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 5:00 pm; budget 2021

3. CIP Road and Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Items for 2021 Budget Consideration

a. General Fund CIP - Road Projects

Mr. Block arrived.

Committee review of the 2021 Road Paving Program with cost and funding breakdown as well as status of projects. East Jersey Street project is the number one OPWC project; the Village Paving Project consists of many streets for mill and fill, some minor soft spot replacement and a little bit of storm sewer work particularly on North Oregon Street; the Village Street Maintenance Program will preserve life of several good roads by crack and micro sealing.

Discussion on other Capital Projects Breakdown; Hannahs Park restroom funds being used for a Dog Park and department vehicle needs to include a new Ford Transit T350 for the Service Department and a new Police cruiser to replace car #3. Committee continued discussion on OPWC project funding and roads and pavement being a priority; decision on 2021 CIP priorities as follows:

1. OPWC Applications (East Jersey & Paving Project)
2. Street Maintenance Program
3. Dog Park/Service Dept. Ford Transit/PD Cruiser #3

Jack Liggett asked for a consensus from Council on letting the engineers start design work on the paving project, he would like a clear "go ahead". Ms. Robertson, Mr. Lee, Mayor Dutcher and Mr. Block approved moving forward.

b. Water Enterprise Fund (Including Repurposing 310 Water Line Funding)

Water CIP; no negative balance on this fund, will carry over \$450,000. Line items discussed: F-250 truck replacement, will continue to use old truck as a runner truck. Water tower estimate has increased significantly; as no longer doing the 310 water line, will use some funds to backfill to water tower and Croton Road costs; changed 310 water line budget item to just water line expansion but will hold off six months or so on using funds for any expansion to ensure current projects are paid. Discussion on engineer designation for 2021.

c. Sewer Enterprise Fund

Sewer Fund CIP line item discussion.

Sewer line to new business park and W. Jersey/Valleyview sewer line projects are bonded and moving forward. Mr. Lenner noted slight change that he is trying to secure better funding for W. Jersey/Valleyview/Enterprise Center sewer line, resolution on council agenda tonight.

Sludge storage building; Jack Liggett said an increase in solids from the egg farm, concerned not enough storage in current building to get through winter, need more storage capacity; estimate on line item is \$350,000. Ms. Van Deest asked what New Day does if they don't have a place to take it; Mr. Liggett said the village is under contract to take it, space at the sewer plant is available for the building.

Discussion on Enterprise Fund deficit; increased new single family home build estimate for 2021 from thirty five to a more likely fifty reducing that deficit; engineering also ready to discuss their findings for a tap and capacity fee increase which will increase revenue to that fund. Decision to also move sewer rehab to operating.

All members expressed comfort with the Sewer CIP.

4. Other Business

Economic Development Committee previously approved moving forward with the State Infrastructure Bank loan application, Jim Lenner asked for an official vote from Finance Committee; **Motion:** Mr. Lee move to support it, Ms. Robertson seconded and all were in favor. Motion passed 3-0.

5. Adjourn

Mayor Dutcher moved to adjourn, Ms. Robertson seconded and all were in favor; 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm