

DPW COMMITTEE

7-14-16

Members Present: Todd Talaski, Michelle Beltz, Clint Braun & Patricia Des Jardins

Others Present: David Quinn and Jamie Learman

Meeting called to order at 10:15 a.m.

The committee addressed a bill from Mike Walsh for \$8,700 for mowing the City's easement. The City did not request this mowing, and did not wish to address this matter further.

The former Shell property was discussed. A letter will be drafted to the River's Edge to see if they wish to keep service or have it capped.

Quinn spoke about the water main that is between Harbor, Farmer, Dufty & Bay View. Quinn advised the committee they should think about moving this main in the future.

There are some trees planted over a water main on John Lynn. There is no easement over this line, so Quinn suggested the committee look into creating one with the property owners. Quinn has spoken with the individual that planted the trees and the DPW will mark the line, so the property owners know.

Quinn spoke about the business at 6605 Main St. It is now being occupied by two businesses. The REU factor was lowered last year, when only one business occupied. Quinn recommended raising this to 1.5 REU's for the two businesses in there now. All were in favor.

Historical Society requested closure of Prospect and Ash St. in October. All were in favor of sending this to the Council for approval.

Discussion was held regarding the street sweeper. All were in favor of recommending to the Council to purchase a sweeper from Fredrickson Supply for \$234,600.

The committee talked about Quinn's upcoming retirement in November. The committee recommended the position of DPW/Water & Sewer Supervisor be posted.

All committee members were in favor of Quinn and Learman reviewing the water rates to Pigeon and Caseville Township and adjusting them as necessary for the October 1 bills.

Commercial water rates were discussed. The committee wishes to try and even the rate difference between residential and commercial. They talked about future raises in residential until those rates catch up to commercial.

The committee was all in favor of sending a letter to Village Castings ending service, since the bills have gone unpaid for several years and no one is occupying the building. The last payment was received in June 2011.

The air pollution letter was discussed that was received from Mariner's Cove. The committee members have checked into this matter, but have had no luck in locating the source or others that have any issues. The committee felt that individuals could test the substance to try and determine what it is. A letter will be sent to Mariner's cove.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Jamie Learman, Office Administrator / Clerk

Todd Talaski, Chairperson