

Village of McLean

Public Works Committee Meeting

May 12, 2022

President Hammel called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00pm. Roll Call-Webster, Breakville, Willie, and Billington. Also present -Treasurer Karen Williams, Greg Rutheford, and Sherri Hester. Dave and Eric, representatives from EJ and Utility Pipe Sales joined via phone.

Committee looking into water replacement meters to present to board regarding Badger versus Zenner meters, as well as the possibility of out-sourcing the billing portion.

EJ Waters explained how they would create a database as well as engineer the project. They would also provide training on systems as well as installs. They use a hand-held to capture serial #'s and GPS to ensure that first readings are correct. They would also help trouble shoot any issues.

The board decided to recommend the Zenner meters due to not only advice from Rutheford as to what he felt the better unit would be, but also average life and battery unit cost of Zenner (\$23 per unit) compared to Badger (\$150 per unit). Zenner are brass meters with average life of 20 years.

Committee began discussing whether we wanted to do the Utility Pipe Sales Direct Purchase for \$130,926, or offer the EJ Turn-Key Solutions for \$117,137 plus a \$23,000 contingency for unforeseen circumstances when implementing.

EJ Turn-Key Solution would do all billing as well as collect all money. These would no longer be handled by our village office. We would still set our water pricing. They do offer a 1 year agreement on billing, so if the village is not satisfied, billing can be moved back in house. There is currently a \$1 per month charge per customer for the service. Hammel questioned as if they saw that rate increasing, and the response was no, as they are a non-for-profit.

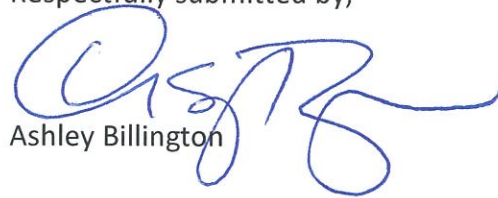
Williams and Hester did raise concern on removing the billing portion from the village office. The board promised Hester that if they did go with out-sourcing the billing, her hours would not be cut because of it.

Members suggested to adopt large portions of Mortons "Discharging of Sump Pumps and Perimeter Tiles into Sanitary Sewers" Ordinance, making sure not to include any grants or reimbursements to homeowners for updates or repairs.

Committee discussed options for Water and Sewer Grant submissions. Greg mentioned 2 large projects. First was 350 foot on S. East Street, replacing the current 4" pipe with 6" that was originally installed in 1933-1934 for approximately \$95,000. Second, was 300 foot on Main Street which would total approximately \$85,000.00. Committee members agreed that both of these projects would be good Submissions.

Webster motioned to adjourn at 8:23pm, Willie 2nd.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ashley Billington', written in a cursive style.

Ashley Billington