

Village of Rossville
Finance & Purchasing Committee Meeting
April 10, 2023

Trustee Hackett called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Rossville Municipal Building located at 120 East Attica Street in Rossville.

Committee members physically present-Trustees Hackett, Black and Daniel

Committee members absent –None

Guests present physically were Mayor Queen, Clerk White, Trustees Cornell and Gammon

The amended proposed budget and salaries for fiscal year 2024 were presented.

Meter change-out program – Superintendent Lusk reported the water meter change out program will begin soon. There is a Sinking Fund for the water meter replacements expense. The Gas and Sewer Funds do not have a Sinking Fund for meter replacement. There is no way to bill for sewer except through the water meter so the Sewer Fund should share the expense of meter replacement.

Superintendent Lusk recommended beginning a Sinking Fund for the Gas and Sewer Funds for meter replacement. Currently, an ordinance is in place to increase the Water and Sewer minimum fees for 0-2000 gallons \$1 per customer per month beginning May 1 annually. Also, \$3 per customer per month has been deposited in the Water Sinking Fund to prepare for meter replacements. In order to accomplish what Superintendent Lusk is suggesting, Superintendent Lusk suggested raising the Gas Customer Charge \$2 from \$8 to \$10 per customer per month, additionally increase the sewer \$1 per customer per month by increasing the minimum rate for 0-2000 gallons from \$18.60 to \$20.60. Additionally, to establish the sinking funds for meter replacement, deposit \$2 per customer per month in the Gas Sinking Fund and \$1 per customer per month in the Sewer Sinking Fund but change the Water Sinking Fund amount from \$3 to \$2 per customer per month beginning the billing period for May, 2023. Next year the proceeds can be analyzed to see if an increase needs to be adjusted for this goal.

Superintendent Lusk established the Gas Working fund account has \$99,000, of which a purpose for the account has not been determined. If funds run out to replace the gas meters, maybe the Gas Working Fund could be used as a source for this project.

New Equipment Sinking Funds - Superintendent Lusk is investigating values for the current more expensive equipment and estimated cost to replace the equipment. Superintendent Lusk is also investigating leasing equipment.

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Trustee Black will revise the current ordinances we have for the maintenance equipment sinking fund and attach the revised versions on the shared drive.

Motion was made by Black, seconded by Daniel to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Hackett, yes; Black, yes; Daniel, yes. The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White, Clerk
Committee approved 4/24/2023