

June 10,2020

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE SANITARY SEWER FACILITY UPDATE:

The Public Hearing for the Sanitary Sewer Facility Update was called to order by President Cory St Mary. Present were Jay Baumhardt, Kevin Goebel, Joe Preston, Owen Gellings, Ed Costello, Todd Gitter, Kari Schlefke, Andrea Hansen Abler, Tom Strebe and John Birschbach.

Applied Technologies explained there is a need to update our current sanitary sewer plant. Due to the age and condition of the plant we are operating above the design capacity limits and with the new DNR phosphorus limits it is recommended to update our current sewer plant. Some of the upgrades include a new headworks building, modifications to our current existing aeration basin and trickling filter removal. They will also put in a new final clarifier with cover. The proposed site plan budget would be \$3, 970,000.00. Applying for the principal forgiveness grant we could receive \$1,755,000.00 to bring the total cost to \$2,215,000.00. To help fund the remaining cost of the project we would need to apply for a loan from the State of Wisconsin. To pay for this loan we would have to raise our current sewer rates roughly 44%. The raise in rates could either happen upfront or gradually over a 4-year time frame. The proposed time schedule for this project to be completed is May 2023.

Those present understood the need for this project especially when there are other neighboring communities that are also having to take on a similar project to stay with in the WI DNR phosphorus limits. They understood with the age of our current plant it is not feasible. They did voice their concern for the chance of interest rates going up before we secure funding or the possibility of not securing the grant. Applied Technologies explained that the Grant has been in place for a few years and we are already on the list to be approved. They also explained that the interest rate has stayed the same for a while and they do not see it going up at this time, they feel it might go down.

A motion was made by Joe Preston and seconded by Jay Baumhardt to adjourn the Public Hearing. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Kari Schlefke

Clerk/Treasurer