

SPECIAL

PUBLIC WORKS & HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2013

Village Hall Board Room

CALL: Chm. Ewert called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Chm. Ewert, Trustee Members Zabel, and Vanderheiden. Trustee Kaminski arrived at 4:15pm. Also present were Dir. Ludwig, Engr. Bischke (absent & excused), and Secretary Wick (absent & excused)

NEW BUSINESS

A. Water Rate Study – Discussion With Baker Tilly:

A conference call was made to Vicki Hillenbrand from Baker Tilly regarding their proposal for a full water rate study.

- Work in the Baker Tilly proposal includes: attending 2 public meetings, adding a customer class for multi-family residential, and using standard format for the test year of 2014 with a submittal deadline of August 1, 2014.
- A special customer class for high water users may be challenged and will need to be defended. Using an inclining block water rate for commercial/industrial is a concern with future growth in Germantown. An AWWA study has been used by high water users to defend a declining block water rate and has proven successful.
- Using an inclining block water rate or uniform block for residential customer has certain required steps. As long as the staff can pull the information out of our billing records that is needed for the PSC there will be no extra charge.
- A conference call was set with the PSC to discuss the issue with Gehl Foods increasing their consumption of water and the use of an inclining block water rate for the commercial and industrial class.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.

Dan Ludwig
Director of Public Works