1. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Village Clerk Liz Peerboom called the roll call and the following committee members were present: Trustee JP Dries, Trustee Chris Higgins, Trustee Brandon Harris. Absent: Luke Goucher.

Others present: Village Clerk Liz Peerboom

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Any resident wishing to address the Board may do so according to the Rules of Public Comment and should register with the Village Clerk prior to the meeting.

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- October 10, 2017
- November 14, 2017

Trustee Higgins made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the October 10, 2017 and the November 14, 2017 meetings, seconded by Trustee Dries. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. UPDATE ON GIS

License purchased
Data transferred – possible demo

Trustee Harris advised the committee that the data is loaded, but there is some missing source files and problems with the data. He added that he will have more information at the next meeting, and the goal is first quarter of the new year. He would like to get Mike familiar with the program so that he can train the new employees.
5. UPDATE ON WAYSIDE HORN SYSTEM – Information from AHS

Trustee Harris advised that he spoke to AAHS, had a lot of good info. He said that to install wayside horns it would be about $90,000 per crossing. He said that he or President Curtis will need to reach out to Union Pacific again. He added that the representative from AAHS said that there will not be any subsidies from UP unless a crossing is closed.

6. DISCUSSION ON FEE STRUCTURE FOR WATER TOWER INTERNET

Trustee Harris asked Trustee Higgins to step out so that the committee could talk. Trustee Higgins said that he wasn’t comfortable stepping out. He said he would not discuss anything. Trustee Harris said that Trustee Higgins has some concerns about the rate, but he would like to negotiate other items added if the rate stays the same.

Trustee Harris said that he is getting push back from other members of the Board and wanted to know what this committee thought.

Trustee Dries said that the Board approved the contract, but left it in the Village President’s hands to negotiate. Trustee Harris said that the Village President is not interested in negotiating. Trustee Dries said that he would like more members of the committee to be here to make the decision.

Consensus was to move this issue to a meeting where there is a full committee.

Trustee Dries asked that Future Link provide agreements with other communities that show that this is a fair request.

Chris Higgins, acting as a representative from Future Link, discussed the negotiating points. He said that Future Link would accept the contract as is, if the village would then purchase service from Future Link but the village would be able to switch if the service does not meet the village’s standards.

Trustee Harris suggested that Future Link sign the agreement as is and the village purchases service from the village, and those two items are not linked.

Mr. Higgins advised that Future Link is investigating building a tower on a property outside of Maple Park. He also advised that if the village went to voice over IP phones there would be savings on their phone bill, but the current provider does not have the bandwidth to support voice over IP phones, and he would like to help the village. He thinks he can get the phones for free with a three year contract. He will provide the village a proposal for internet costs and some recommendations on the IP phones.

Trustee Harris asked to get that information for the next meeting and hopefully have a full committee to discuss this issue.

Mr. Higgins then discussed an addendum to the contract to add the second set of equipment (that was in the original proposal) to be placed on the roof of the civic center.
Clerk Peerboom asked Mr. Higgins to get the information to her to put on the Board agenda for approval.

7. ENGINEERING UPDATES

Village Engineer Jeremy Lin was not present. Trustee Dries said that getting a new water tower is the village’s number one priority. He said that he’d like to set a goal of breaking ground on a new tower in Memorial Park within 3 years. Trustee Dries wanted to be sure that anyone that builds a house near there would need to know that a water tower would be built there. Trustee Higgins advised that a large water tower gives you volume, a high water tower gives you pressure. He added that he would like to see a high water tower built.

The committee discussed whether Memorial park is a feasible site or if a well needs to be close by, or if a new water main would need to be run; all costs that need to be considered.

Consensus was to ask the Village Engineer to identify a site in Memorial Park the water tower would end up (or a better site), so that it is a matter of record that there will be a future water tower built and where.

8. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Liz Peerboom, CMC
Village Clerk

Committee Members:
Trustee Harris, Chair
Trustee Higgins
Trustee Goucher
Trustee Dries

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