

Village of Eau Claire
Monday, April 24, 2022
Special Meeting

Special Council meeting called to order 6:30 PM by John Glassman; Village President

Members Present: John Glassman, Ken Karn, Kathy Zeilke, Julie Pierce, Clerk Shawn Foster.

Absent: Virginia Gonzalez

Recognition of Visitors: Scott Hall & Sophia Baker of Fleis & Vandenbrink, Ken Karn Jr.,

Visitor Discussion: Scott Hall & Sophia Baker came to give a slide presentation regarding the repairs needed at the Village Lagoons in order to be compliant with EGLE. Ken Karn Jr. was just attending the meeting.

The Village is still receiving a lot of I & I (Infiltration & Inflow) of excess water into the Lagoons. We need to find where all this water is coming from. The Village Lagoons handle the wastewater. The first two lagoons were built in 1966 after the State ordered the Village to have a wastewater system and no private septic tanks were allowed due to all the pollution going into the creek. A third lagoon was added in 1984. The lagoons have not been repaired or updated since 1984, 39 years. The first 2 lagoons are original with nothing done to them since 1966, 57 years. Some of the concrete fixtures need to be repaired, the lagoons are clay lined which was grandfathered in. The stop plates are bent and not functioning well, the corrugated metal pipes are bad, we cannot access the pumps because they are under water. The berms need to be repaired and the road needs gravel. At some time in the future sludge removal will need to be done. Alternatives like hooking up to the Berrien Springs Wastewater Plant could cost up to 7 million dollars. Sewer rates will have to have a study and the rates will go up in order to help finance the repairs.

The Village has a need to repair the lagoons and keep them functioning properly.

The Village is applying for the CWSRF Loan, the Loan amount will be approximately \$1.86 million dollars. Some of the principle could be excused and some items are reimbursable. The interest rates are different for a 20-year loan and a 30-year loan. The 20-year loan would have an interest rate of 1.875% and the 30 year has a 2.125%.

Resolution 2023-3- a resolution adopting a final project planning document for wastewater system improvements or NPS Pollution control/stormwater improvements and designation an authorized project representative. Motion by Karn to pass the resolution, Second by Zeilke, all ayes and a roll call vote:

Yeas: Glassman, Karn, Pierce, Zeilke

Nays: None

Absent: Gonzalez

Lagoon Mowing: The Village mowers are small and it takes days to mow all around the Lagoons, we had a violation for this from EGLE. F & V the current wastewater operators for our system requested that the Village find someone just to mow the lagoons. We have a proposal from David Dustin to mow the lagoons for \$3,600.00 for 6 months and additional mows if needed at \$600.00 per visit. Mr. Dustin rents the Village farm so he is next door to the Lagoons and has very large mowing equipment. Motion by Pierce, Second by Zeilke, All Ayes and motion carried.

Motion to adjourn: by Karn, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.