

Village Of Lawrence

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Public Services Committee Meeting

11-6-2019

Call to order: 6:00 PM

Present: D Quick, J Gritter, B Johnson, D Faulkner, R Smith, M Keyser

Guests: David Johnson, CHMM, CP, Matthew Johnson, (both of Fleis & Vandenbrink) PE, Dale Gribbler

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

➤ Guest

- Fleis & Vandenbrink offered a presentation regarding working with the Village on future projects. This would include but would not be limited to improvements, grants, consultation and information.
 - Points of interest
 - *F & V offered 95 applications and received 95 awards.*
 - 2/3 of \$22,000,000.00 was awarded to F & V
 - Works primarily with small municipalities (local) e.g. Oshtemo, Berrien Springs, Bloomingdale, Paw Paw, Decatur, etc.
 - Do not require contracts and or retainers
- Dale Gribbler
 - Consumers Power recently paved the alley behind the building he and President Quick purchased in an effort to repair paving destroyed by them when doing excavating during the repaving of E. St. Joseph St. Unfortunately Consumers did not remove the damaged surface first, they just paved over the existing grade. By increasing the grade rain water now permeates into the basement of said building. Village Administrator is pursuing legal action in an effort to expedite a solution.
 - In another matter regarding the same building it seems that the sewer had backed up in the basement recently. Mr. Gribbler contends that this has been an ongoing problem and when Wade Trim was working with the Village, the sewer line in question was "jetted" on a weekly basis. DPW staff along with Village Administrator are investigating and working to find a solution.
 - Various expenses are in contention with insurance companies and this is also being addressed by the Village Administrator.
 - DPW staff are in process of getting camera footage of the sewer line in question.
 - In another matter regarding this building is the refurbishment planned by the owners. They are looking for grant monies to help defer the nearly \$1,000,000.00 required. To apply for such grants a certified building inspector can issue a letter that would be accepted by MEDC qualifying the building as eligible. Mr. Gribbler takes issue that said inspector, whether local or state,

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would cost in the range of \$5000,00 to \$10,000.00. He suggested the Village find another inspector.

- Building inspection has been on the table with PSC and will most certainly be on the agenda for next month's PSC.

➤ Administrator Report

- Some items of discussion
 - A water bill that was carried over from a foreclosure sale will be refunded. (credit).
 - No action taken on modifying the Village fireworks policy.
 - Lead and copper testing
 - Asset tracking "CUPPS"
 - Someone tampered with gas supply to Village Office
 - State of Michigan MOR

➤ DPW report

- Much discussion regarding water quality. Dan and Brian had just returned from a seminar regarding cross-connection. The regulations and requirements are becoming MUCH more involved and time consuming.
- Boom mowing is complete
- We have a "common reed" in the industrial park that requires special treatment to reduce.
- There is an issue with the planned burning operation regarding some liability exposure so it is being postponed.
- Our water pressure fluctuation issue has stopped. Purging a main supply line may have removed an air pocket.
- Booster station generator and a valve issue (information only) is still in process

Adjourn: 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted: M Keyser/ chairperson PSC

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