

SPECIAL MEETING – August 12, 2020

President Hackl called the Special meeting of the Muscoda Village Board to order at 5:00pm in the Meal Site Room of the Kratochwill Memorial Building. The following members were present: Anderson, Bartlett, Bindl, Miller and Wiederholt. Also present: Johnson and Wardell.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION: Motion Anderson, second Bartlett to accept the Proof of Publication. Motion carried.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

DISCUSSION WITH ELECTRIC ENGINEER DAVE KRAUSE ON CURRENT AND FUTURE PROJECTS, FILING OF CA, TIMEFRAME-action if necessary:

Information discussed with Engineer Dave Krause on projects:

Substation expansion:

- Certificate of Authority (CA) is drafted and on Tuesday, the 18th of August is a “pre-filing” conference call with the PSC. This is a new requirement.
- Once the CA is filed, the PSC has up to 90 days to approve it.
- Material can be purchased, but no construction can start until the CA is approved.
- ATC has decided to hold off on their project, until the Village receives the CA.
- Approximately 10 weeks for construction
- Any construction items that can be kept out of the CA, should be, that way items outside of the CA can be started, such as ground work.
- Upon the recommendation of our Financial Advisor Carol Wirth, the Village cannot borrow until the CA is approved.

Circuit rebuilds:

- Transformers and reclosures at the Mathew’s substation is 40-60 years old. Life span of most of that equipment is 40 – 70 years and within the next 10 years major upgrades will be needed or the Village could rebuild the circuits to coincide with the Scot substation and eventually eliminate the Mathews substation.
- There are six circuits, of which 40% are in good condition, half of circuit three and circuit four have been rebuilt.
- Very broad estimate is 3.5 million dollars to rebuild the circuits that includes new poles, wire, insulators, transformers, breakers, cutouts, etc. Basically you would be replacing all material that is running the circuits.
- With new circuits, the utility will see a great savings in power purchase as the line loss will be minimal.
- Construction period – allowing contractors a longer period of construction will keep the cost down. Consider doing in phases over three to four years.
- Another CA will need to be prepared and submitted to the PSC.
- The utility would purchase the material and store on site to save cost.
- If moving forward with this project, the utility needs to obtain a complete inventory of all materials that are in use.

General:

- The CA’s are based on the utilities ability to pay. WPPI has been informed on the project and is preparing to work on a rate case.
- Financing for projects cannot take place until CA’s are approved.

Motion Bartlett, second Anderson to move forward with these two projects including rebuilding of the circuits, file the Certificates of Authority, and work with WPPI on an electric rate case.

Roll call vote: Yes-Anderson, Bartlett, Bindl, Miller, Wiederholt, and Hackl. No-none. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON REFINANCING SEWER LOAN FOR LIFT #10:

Johnson explained that the Lift 10 sewer loan has a balloon payment in 2025. With the current favorable market rate, Clare Bank has offered to refinance the sewer loan at 1.69% for 10 years. **Motion** Miller, second Wiederholt, to refinance the Lift 10 sewer loan at Clare Bank for ten years at 1.69%. **Roll call vote:** Yes-Anderson, Bartlett, Bindl, Miller, Wiederholt, and Hackl. **No**-none. **Motion carried.**

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON WATER LOAN:

The Village has not yet heard any results on the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion** Bartlett, second Anderson to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

Cinda Johnson

Cinda Johnson, Village Administrator Clerk