

**VILLAGE OF MANSFIELD
WATER COMMITTEE MEETING
February 25, 2019**

The Village of Mansfield Water Committee met at the NPPFD meeting room on Washington St. in Mansfield at 6:00pm. Roll was taken with Andy Stiger, Todd Jones, Ron Konen, Don Deffenbaugh, and Tom Gilbert present.

Stiger described the reason for the Water Committee meeting, which was to have the committee choose additional blocks to include in the water main project if funding will come from IL EPA.

Tom Overmyer and his colleague Michelle Brown gave an overview of what the IL EPA program is like. Brown said Mansfield would qualify for a Small Community Rate, which is 1.38% interest on 20 year loan currently. Mansfield is also a Disadvantaged Community, which means it would be eligible for a 75% principal forgiveness of the initial loan amount, up to \$1.5 million. The IL EPA fiscal year begins July 1, so the interest rate and forgiveness percentage could change at that time.

Konen asked if the Village would get in required paperwork before July 1 or after? Overmyer said Mansfield would get things in after July 1 and would be subject to the possible suggested changes mentioned.

Gilbert asked about the new construction start date. Overmyer said bids could go out at the end of 2019, and this project should be budgeted for in fiscal year 2020. Once approved, Mansfield would get an award letter.

Konen said he was hesitant about moving forward without knowing an exact forgiveness amount. Overmyer said the Board should move forward with the biggest project they want to do and items could always be taken off the project – just not added on.

Konen asked about adding iron removal to the project to benefit the entire village. Overmyer said that should go into a different project and this same IL EPA program could be used another for another project.

Gilbert said he would run the numbers and get something to board members tomorrow regarding interest rates and the difference between the IL EPA program and the USDA program.

Deffenbaugh asked about the sizes of the lines on the map. Overmyer pointed out some 4 inch mains and said those would be good candidates for replacement. He explained adding an entire North/South line along West Street to get better supply from the tower going south.

Jones said there is only one six inch plastic main running to Lakeside that needs to be looped in at some point. Overmyer suggested it would be best to repair any issues with that instead of adding a very expensive line.

There was discussion about which blocks to include and a mention of how Washington Street was 3 feet thick when a core sample was taken.

Deffenbaugh, Jones, and Stiger were all in agreement that about 8 more blocks should be added to the project. Stiger said he would recommend to the board at the next regular meeting to approve the new project with almost double the work being done.

Jones moved, Konen seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 3-0.

Submitted by:

/s/ Melissa Place
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