

**VILLAGE OF MANSFIELD
WATER COMMITTEE MEETING
February 24, 2020**

The Village of Mansfield Water Committee met at the Fire Station meeting room on Washington St. in Mansfield at 6:30pm. Roll was taken with Don Deffenbaugh, Ron Konen, Todd Jones and Andy Stiger present. Water operator Calvin Florey was also present.

Konen gave Fehr-Graham the floor to explain where things are at with the water main replacement project currently. Tom Overmyer said he submitted the railroad permit application. He does not expect any issues with that. He will next work on alignments on drawings to know whether mains will go under streets, off to the side, etc. After this, he will set a meeting with Bill Hardy to walk the area and mark any unknown items, like storm sewers. He will schedule another water meeting in March before the April meeting. At the regular April meeting, the Board should have on the agenda to authorize signing the IL EPA permit. There was discussion about authorizing the Board President to sign the permit at the March meeting so he can go ahead with that and complete it before the April meeting, which would speed things up a bit. Florey asked about the timing of the bids being ready. Fehr-Graham said once bids are in hand, the board can set up financing and loan forgiveness. Construction could begin in Fall if the timeline is pushed back. There was conversation about the process of boring under roads. Overmyer said they will be going under two railroads with this project. Konen clarified that there would be no final information on financing until the end of the bidding, which could be June? Fehr-Graham said this is correct and once bids are ready, they will come to the board to have a vote on awarding the project with the contingency of getting financing. There was discussion about old maps and unknowns when doing JULIE marking. Jones asked if the state does run out of money before the end of their fiscal year, will the Board need to resubmit everything for the next fiscal year, or will what is already done be carried over? Overmyer said the plans and specs will be good, but a new permit will have to be submitted.

Konen asked Fehr-Graham to speak about iron removal. Fehr-Graham said they talked about the Village's finances at the February board meeting and how everything has looked good on the last few audits. There is definitely money to allow for a project that could fund an iron removal treatment plant. This is a straight-forward process that is done by oxidizing iron by aeration and filtering it out. He estimated it would be a \$1.5 million project and thinks the Village water rate increase table already in place would support the current water main replacement project and an iron treatment plant project. Overmyer said this would require another IEPA loan application and loan forgiveness separate from the current project. He is bringing this back up to the Board now because there was interest about a year ago in having engineers do a small study to see what site would be available and to define the costs involved for budgeting and forward thinking. Kone, Jones, and Deffenbaugh thought it would be best to hold off and wait until all financing was known about the water main replacement and the project was underway. Overmyer said he would bring it back up again in the Fall. There was discussion about CDAP grants and how Mansfield had previously tried for it.

Konen said the ordinance code book section on water usage charges for metered customers needs to be amended. That section had been deleted and not corrected. He forwarded the information to Attorney Amy Rupiper. There was discussion about lead water lines.

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

Submitted by:
/s/ Melissa Place
Melissa Place, Village Clerk