

VILLAGE OF PLOVER  
WATER/WASTEWATER UTILITY COMMITTEE

June 14, 2021

5:20 pm

Members Present: Tom Davies, Marv Hopp, Gary Wolf, Ross Ballard

Member Excused: Tim Durigan

Others Present: Dan Mahoney, Julia Mann, Matt Saloun, Logan Elsholtz, Orv Damrau

1. Mr. Davies called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.
2. Mr. Ballard moved Mr. Hopp seconded approval of the minutes of March 15, 2021. Motion carried.
3. There were no persons wishing to address the Committee.
4. Mr. Wolf moved Mr. Hopp seconded approval of the vouchers. Motion carried, copy attached.
5. **Amendment to Chapter A600, Fees, of the Village of Plover Municipal Code of Ordinances-Wastewater Utility Atypical Waste Rates and Septage Fees.** Mr. Elsholtz explained that our rates for septage and leachate acceptance and processing at the Wastewater Treatment Plant are very low compared to other communities in the area. Our operational costs have increased and it's been 10 years since we have increased the rates. Mr. Wolf asked if the septage and leachate is from commercial haulers and Mr. Elsholtz indicated that it is.  
**\*\*\* RECOMMENDATION TO VILLAGE BOARD \*\*\* Mr. Wolf moved Mr. Hopp seconded approval of the Amendment to Chapter A600, Fees, of the Village of Plover Municipal Code of Ordinances-Wastewater Utility Atypical Waste Rates and Septage Fees. Motion carried, copy attached.**
6. **2020 WWTF Compliance Maintenance Annual Report.** Mr. Elsholtz indicated that the Wastewater Treatment Plant had a great year and a perfect score without any violations.  
**\*\*\* RECOMMENDATION TO VILLAGE BOARD \*\*\* Mr. Hopp moved Mr. Wolf seconded approval of the 2020 WWTF Compliance Maintenance Annual Report. Motion carried, copy attached.**
7. **Water User Rate Study Contract with Ehlers.** Ms. Mann explained that the Village is looking at ways to increase the amount that can be levied through taxes. One way to do this is to move the Public Fire Protection expenses to the Water Utility. The benefit to the tax payer by moving this to the utility bill is that utility bills are sent out to a larger payment base. We can bill non-tax paying entities such as school, churches, and other governmental agencies for their part of the Public Fire Protection expense. Utilizing Ehlers for this Study will also help look at all the rates and make sure we are at the right rates for the Water Utility. Mr. Mahoney also stated that since it's been 20+ years since the last rate study, PSC is requiring a Full Rate Study instead of just considering the change in distribution of the Public Fire Protection charge. Ehlers will submit our application and we will try to have everything completed in time for the 2021 property tax bills. Mr. Haga asked how PSC determines what rate changes will be and Ms. Mann stated the most used methods are based on meter size and how the water is used (residential, commercial, industrial, etc). Mr. Haga stated this is a great way to handle those charges.  
**\*\*\* RECOMMENDATION TO VILLAGE BOARD \*\*\* Mr. Wolf moved Mr. Hopp seconded approval of the Water User Rate Study Contract with Ehlers in the amount of \$10,500. Motion carried, copy attached.**
8. Mr. Hopp moved Mr. Wolf seconded approval of the Water Department Mangers Report. Motion carried, copy attached.
9. Mr. Hopp moved Mr. Wolf seconded approval of the Wastewater Department Mangers Report. Motion carried, copy attached.
10. Mr. Hopp moved Mr. Wolf seconded adjournment at 5:36 p.m.

Submitted by Pat Ladecki