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Special Meeting of the Elberta Village Council

Village of Elberta Water System Information

Village Office 151 Pearson Street, Elberta, MI 49628

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August 11, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

Call to Order by Village of Elberta President, Jennifer Wilkins @ 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call:

Jennifer Wilkins_X_; Ken Holmes_X_; Bill Soper_X_; Molly Biddle_X_

Audience: Mary Kalbach, Roberta Benedict, Chris Pritchard, Jennifer Hodges, Mike Engels, Scott Conradson, Cathy Anderson – Virtual Attendance, Village Resident - Mr. Twist

Approval of Agenda:

Inquiry of Conflict on Agenda Items: None noted

Correspondence: Reviewed during presentations

Brief Public Comment on Agenda items: None

New Business / Discussion Topics

➤ **Collaboration of Efforts by Gourdie-Fraser, EGLE, and Michigan Rural Water**

1. Presentation by Jennifer Hodges with Gourdie-Fraser describing the guidelines of the Michigan Drinking Water Act 399, enforced & regulated under EGLE, to provide safe drinking water to residents.
 - Water Reliability Study July 2020 –
 - Gourdie-Fraser Capital Improvement Plan Proposal
 - Lead and Copper Rule Information
2. Water Rate Study Review – Mike Engels with Michigan Rural Water
3. Scott Conradson – EGLE – District Engineer

In a collaborative effort by Jennifer Hodges, Mike Engels, and Scott Conradson, information was provided regarding the Water System for the Village of Elberta. Gourdie-Fraser has been retained to aid the village in planning a multi-year schedule of projects that plan and track infrastructure needs thru the Water Reliability Study and Capital Improvement Plan.

The specific changes to the Lead and Copper Rule, regarding the replacement of known or suspected lead components of service lines to within 18” of the resident’s homes, was discussed.

Water rates were discussed at length. The water sewer committee is working with Mike Engels and the Budget Finance Audit Committee to determine a reasonable fee schedule to cover system costs. The rate structure needs to ensure adequate revenue stream to maintain the system and cover expenses, including: Annual Operation & Maintenance, Short-Lived Asset Replacement, Outstanding Debt for existing infrastructure loans, and a Capital Improvement Fund.

In correlation to the presentation by Jennifer Hodges and Mike Engels, Scott Conradson reminded of the importance of water system maintenance, describing the need to have a financial plan in place. EGLE requires that the Village of Elberta have a 5-year Water Fund, Capital Improvement plan, along with a lead-copper replacement plan by the end of the year.

Announcements: Water Rate and 5 Year Water Fund Budget will be presented in Resolution format at the October Council Meeting.

Extended General Public Comment

Adjournment 8:38pm