

City of Fox Lake
Committee of the Whole Synopsis
September 15, 2021

The September 15, 2021 committee of the whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Bednarek, at 6:35 p.m., following the special council meeting. Those in attendance were Dan Ault, Marcy Benz, Peter Hartzheim, Dennis Linke, John Mund and Darrell Pollesch. Also attending were Police Chief Jim Rohr, Librarian Erin Anders, City DPW Superintendent Gene Huettner, Utilities Superintendent Bradley Ruenger, City Treasurer Krystal McCauley, City Administrator Kelly Crombie, City Attorney Mike Devitt and City Clerk Jenny Quirk.

In the audience were Dick Quirk, Sarah Theander and Becky Bussian.

Public Works:

Budget discussion for DPW: Huettner would like to look into purchasing a street sweeper versus continuing to pay for the service 3 times a year, when the company is available, at roughly \$3000 each time. He is also looking into a new plow and lawn mower for capital budget items.

Water/sewer utilities:

Budget discussion for water/sewer utilities: Ruenger provided a handout from CBS Squared Inc. showing the chemical pumps at well no. 1 require replacement. The Fluoride chemical storage tank is off-gassing and is ruining existing equipment in that room. This will cost about \$28,000. Also, there is a need to replace 2 check valves at the sewer plant to prevent damage to the infrastructure. This will cost about \$15,000. Also, hydrant painting will cost about \$16,000.

Fire/Police:

Budget discussion for Fire/Police: Rohr provided a handout showing 6 budget request items. New tasers with extra cartridges. The current tasers are expired and need to be replaced. This will cost about \$5600. The TRACS hosting fee required upgrade is \$1000 and is a state required program. Vinyl privacy tinting for 8 windows and a door into the PD. To provide privacy and security. A new bathroom sink with locking vanity in the PD to allow water supply restriction and to store testing supplies that need to be locked. The new squad annual carryover of \$5000. To prepare for when a new squad will be needed either purchased or leased. Monitor for the security system which needs a stand-alone computer and monitor. Already have obtained a computer at no cost but need the monitor and the install for about \$1,500.

Hartzheim had been receiving complaints about the weed control. Rohr asked them to contact the PD directly or to give specific addresses so he can look further into it.

Hartzheim also wanted to address the traffic violations he has been seeing on Trenton St. between people passing and speeding. Rohr said they have been writing citations on that street, mostly for speeding. However, they can't be just at that location all the time. Part of the problem is that Trenton St has become part of a detour route. Hartzheim asked if there could be a solar powered flashing speed sign to help people to realize how fast they are going? Rohr said we could discuss it further with the council.

Hartzheim also stated his concerns for the scrap metal collection stored at a residentially zoned property on a main street. This will be looked into further.

Library:

Librarian Anders shared the library board minutes. She stated they discussed their budget and fall/winter programs in the community center and the museum. Planning to have an artist outside for the Fall Spooktacular event. The Friends of the Library have met and chose to disband. They couldn't find new active members to continue on with the group. They are transferring over their remaining money to the library for improvements and programming. Dodge County will be reimbursing 100% this year for non library users.

Budget discussion for the Library: Anders stated they are at the point of needing a new copy machine. To purchase the machine outright is \$3200 plus the monthly service fee that includes toner. They will also remove both old machines. She would also like the 2 basement windows closed off because they are in need of repair. The library also needs main floor emergency lights installed, there is currently money available to do this. While the electrician is there a quote will be done, for the budget, to replace/fix the ceiling lights that are not working and for necessary electrical upgrades.

License & Finance:

Budget discussion information shared by the treasurer.

The Administration office would like to replace the 2 current pieces of copy equipment with a single unit. Then give the court the larger unit being removed. The court needs a larger copier now that they service 3 municipalities. City hall needs a unit that can provide color options and to have scan, print and copy all from the same unit instead of paying for 2 separate units. The exterior steel door on the community center is in need of replacement. The bid was \$5260.

The court is asking to install a back entry to connect from the court office to city hall to allow better access the court room. The bid was \$2095. The court needs a new laptop with install which will be specifically for the court. This will require Interquest to come out and to set up, due to the programs. The quote was \$1,944.

The PD needs the back metal door closure replaced and the bid was \$390.

This current year's budget for the historical building was for 2 air conditioning units, but the furnace went out. So the furnace and 1 AC were replaced instead. Now that second AC unit will need to be placed into the upcoming budget, so a new quote will be done.

The pool needs the main filtration pump replaced, new chairs to replace all of the broken chairs, the acid room needs exhaust fan, switches and some electrical replaced.

Building & Parks:

The update from the Friends of Clausen Park was provided by Sarah Theander and Becky Bussian. They will be meeting with Becky Binz to finalize the core plan. The Mayor thanked them for their volunteerism and commitment to bettering the parks.

With no other business to come before the committee of the whole, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.