

Village of Mazon
Water and sewer committee meeting minutes
April 19, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 5:09pm.

Present were; J. Hintze, D. Hammen, K. Webster, J. Marques and K. Marques

Guest: John Frederick

K. Marques presented and explained the annual water/sewer analysis for 2022. Last year the water account realized a loss of \$33,503.54. Our current rates charged are not sufficient to cover the cost to produce the water. The cost of utilities, chemicals, testing and repair and maintenance have all increased. There is also the cost of water tower repair and maintenance which gets more expensive each year.

We have started the engineering plan for updating the pump house and will need to apply for funding to do the upgrades. There is money available with low interest rates but require us to be project ready. With up grades and borrowed money it will cause an increase in bills to cover the cost. This increase would be over and above our regular operating cost and determined by the cost of the loan and future replacement.

There have also been a lot of problems with people not paying their bills and creating added expenses to produce second notice and shut off's to consumers. This past month about 25% of the April bills have not been paid by the due date and 23 of those bills are in excess of \$200.00.

K. Marques explained that those bills not paid by the due date are assessed an additional charge of 10% of the balance of the bill.

D. Hammen said that we need to add an additional charge of \$25.00 on all bills that need to be sent delinquent notices. The committee agreed and they also want to review the current ordinance to see if any other changes need to be made to the Ordinance. The committee will review the Ordinance to make suggestions.

After reviewing the rates, expenses and income of the water account the committee suggested an 8% increase in the water rates which will still not put us at the break even point but will help lessen the burden on the residents.

The sewer analysis for 2022 was reviewed. There were excessive expenses in sewer this past year for the purchase of the new utility truck and an over payment of utility bill.

J. Frederick stated that we should probably raise the sewer rate to keep up with increasing cost so we do not fall behind. Last year there was no increase in rate and the prior year there was a deduction in the rate.

Our current rate does cover the expenses. The Board suggested that we not increase the sewer rate at this time.

D. Hammen made a motion to recommend a 8% increase to the water rates and a 0% increase to the sewer rates. The motion was seconded by K. Webster. Roll was taken; J. Hintze-Yes, D. Hammen-Yes, K. Webster-Yes. Motion carried.

J. Hintze made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52pm. The motion was seconded by K. Webster. Roll was taken; J. Hintze-Yes, D. Hammen-Yes, K. Webster-Yes. Motion carried.