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The 1 & 6 Year Street Public Hearing is scheduled for after the Budget Hearings on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Ogden stated the final documents for the Hunter Subdivision have been received and reviewed. They have received clarification on questions and in their opinion the project is completed. NDEE still has a letter out regarding the erosion control. Discussion held.

Ogden reviewed the actual Village cost for the Hunter intersection is \$20,061.00. The reimbursable attorney and engineering fees are \$16,490.25. Discussion held. Ogden will contact the attorney for recommendation on the reimbursement.

Roland reviewed: 1) The park water fountains have not been turned on since COVID. The fountain heads need to be replaced. The Board said to wait until spring. 2) Lagoon repair and rip rap could cost \$20,000 - \$30,000. Roland is waiting for a bid. 3) UV lights at wwtp need to be replaced. 4) Community Sustainability Tool from the asset management class taken. 5) Waiting for a bid on the Well/Tower Radio System. Ubben noted Capital Electric and Control Services have been contacted for bids. The control system may need to be completely converted. 6) Still waiting for the new wwtp pump. 7) Installing the VFD's are on hold. 8) Waiting on generator bids. 9) Water usage has gotten up to 200,000 gallons a day. Discussion held. Water usage will be monitored and revisited at next weeks meeting.

A letter from the insurance company regarding the poor shape of the salt shed was reviewed. Roland said the pad can be used for the salt and covered with a tarp. Discussion held.

**Rupe moved to approve the demolition of the salt shed. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Ruble, Custer, Eggleston and Ubben. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Insurance adjuster estimates were reviewed. Discussion held. The Board agreed to ask to have an inspector come back out.

Cleaning the culverts and ditches on Edwin Street near 117 W Edwin was reviewed. The building inspector was at the property and found the culverts and ditches are not functional, and believes the town needs to clean them out. Discussion held. Rupe and Ruble will visit with property owners along Edwin Street near 117 W Edwin.

The cost for new tiles at the park and tube slide repair was reviewed.

**Rupe moved to approve the quote for the tiles for the playground at \$1,105.00 and the slide repair at \$4,321.23. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Eggleston, Ruble, Ubben and Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Gushard reviewed the needed repairs to the zero-turn mower, which includes an oil pan gasket and hydrostat steering. Discussion held. The Board agreed the zero-turn mower should be sold. A new mower will be budgeted.

Lynn Maxson asked about leasing a mower. Discussion held. Gushard will look into leasing options.

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Ubben noted they are still working on the gate at the compost site.

Lindgren noted there is another restaurant opening in town.

Improving the entrances into town was mentioned and will be reviewed with the Police Chief.

The condition of sidewalks in town was discussed. Discussion held. Custer will walk the town and prepare a report.

SEND Membership was reviewed. Rupe will review further.

The League Annual Conference was reviewed.

Purchases for the water and sewer 2022/2023 budget were reviewed. It was noted the water tower is scheduled to be painted in 2023 and is covered under the existing contract.

**Rupe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 PM. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Ruble, Ubben, Custer and Eggleston. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Antonia Rupe, Chair  
Joan Lindgren, Clerk