

Village of Bonduel  
Municipal Operations Committee  
August 25, 2020

Chairperson Barb Wickman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Kay Hottentstine and Renell Bartlett. Also present was Jesse Rankin, Municipal Operations Director and Ron Donavon.

The statement regarding the meeting was read.

Hottentstine made a motion to approve the agenda and to deviate from the order as necessary. Bartlett seconded. Motion carried.

Bartlett made a motion to approve the minutes from July 28, 2020. Hottentstine seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Donavon spoke to the committee regarding the Legion Street project and the landscaping that was done. He brought in pictures for the committee. He felt the shoulders needed to be dug up and filled in with new dirt and grass seed. Mr. Donavon stated that they have nothing but weeds growing on the edge of the road. Jesse stated that the home owners needed to water and maintain the new grass that was planted. The project was designed that there is blacktop located under the landscaping to help with the drainage in the area due to the lack of storm sewers in that area. If that is dug up the sitting water would return and would shorten the life of the road. The engineers have inspected the project and the street was completed according to the specs.

Discussion was held on borrowing for 2021 projects. Brian from Ehlers attended via the phone. Brian reviewed the borrowing for the 2021 projects and how it will affect the tax rate and the water rates. The fund would cover both water and village borrowing and the borrowing would all count toward the general obligation limits for borrowing. Water would pay for its portion. The board would authorize Ehlers to let out for bids in September for the borrowing and finalize in October. We have 36 months to utilize the funds. Wickman made a motion to recommend to the board that we authorize Ehlers to set sale for \$1,630,000 to cover the 2021 projects, the water refinancing, and 2009 refinancing. Bartlett seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Highway 117 project costs for the village. The committee reviewed the cost spreadsheet from the DOT and the cost shares to the village. The recommendations have to be made to the DOT following the September board meeting. Wickman made a motion that we recommend to the board that we cost share the new sidewalk, alternative 2 of the old sidewalks, option 1 of the parking lane, and the water utility replacement. Bartlett seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the capital equipment requests. The committee reviewed with Jesse his requests and where they need to be placed in the budget. By consensus, this item is postponed to Thursday's meeting.

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By consensus the discussion on the Municipal Operations, Water Utility, and Sewer Utility budget are postponed to Thursday's meeting. By consensus, the Unfinished Business items regarding the street construction plans and the PSC water rate increase are removed from the agenda. The PSC water rate increase will be addressed when we are closer to the projects.

Bartlett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hottenstine seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Wickman  
Village Trustee