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- Norma

00:00 - 00:02

This conference will now be recorded.

- Norma

00:06 - 00:17

Good evening, everyone is 5:30, we'll call the meeting to order and as Joanne asked turn your mic off when you're not speaking. The first on the agenda is Thomas Hayes from DANC on a change order that we got to put through. Do you want to talk us through that, please, Thomas?

- Thomas C. Haynes

00:28 - 00:35

Yup. Before I went through that, I'd like to give you an update of where they are, with that work. New Century started two weeks ago, during the conversions from the overhead to the underground on the property owners, and right now the schedule is to have everyone converted over to the New underground system by the end of February, early March. Which is ahead of schedule and everything's been going very well so far. As Norma mentioned, we do have one change order. The change this would be change order number seven on the project for \$1358.26, and this is for some additional work associated with the American Legion. When the project started, the American Legion had an existing heated sidewalk. It was removed as a result of the project. And the original scope for New Century was to reinstall the heated sidewalk they did not include the connection back to the American Legion system like it should have. Also attached to this change order is the backup for some antifreeze to fill the system and some connectors and some time to actually make the connections into the American Legion... This is the only property like that because the American Legion already had the sidewalk that was heated but was subsequently removed. All other properties are to be hooked up by the property owner themselves as they weren't existing.

- Norma

02:23 - 02:27

Does anyone have any questions for Thomas on this change order?

- Joe Chrisman

02:29 - 02:38

If, this is Joe Chrisman, if they're already had the preexisting, how did that get overlooked knowing they have to reconnect it.

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- Norma

02:42 - 02:43

I'm not sure.

- Joe Chrisman

02:46 - 02:50

I mean, they already knew they wanted it installed. So, I guess I'm not understanding how some something that simple, knowing that it's got to be hooked up, got overlooked.

- Norma

03:00 - 03:05

I can't tell Joe why, it was a preexisting sidewalk. It has to be put back. It needed the antifreeze in it. I can't. I have no answer for you. I guess on a multi-million-dollar project, you're going to have a few missteps. Anyone else got any questions? If not, can we have a motion to accept this change order?

- Nancy

03:32 - 03:34

I'll make that motion to accept the change order.

- Norma

03:34 - 03:37

Ok, thank you, Nancy, do we have a second? Is there any other board member out there that could second this motion?

- Joe Chrisman

03:46 - 03:47

I'll second it.

- Norma

03:48 - 03:48

Is that Joe?

- Joe Chrisman

03:49 - 03:51

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Yes.

- Norma

03:51 - 03:52

OK, thank you. All in favor?

- Nancy

03:54 - 03:54

Aye.

- Joe Chrisman

03:55 - 03:56

Aye.

- Nancy

03:58 - 03:59

I'm sorry to interrupt you, Norma. But, Joe, it's just you and I and Norma tonight.

- Norma

04:03 - 04:03

Oh, OK.

- Nancy

04:04 - 04:10

From what I see, So, that you and I will be the tag team for motions.

- Norma

04:10 - 04:13

Ok, Alrighty, so. Anyone opposed, because nobody is there. So, the motion is carried the change order and we'll get that in there. Ok, thank you. Thank you, Thomas. Matt Cooper, are you on? Yes, you are.

- Matthew J. Cooper

04:27 - 04:28

Yes, I am.

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- Norma

04:28 - 04:31

Ok, I'm turning my mic off so you can.

- Matthew J. Cooper

04:32 - 04:37

Ok, I just wanted to do an update on the sewer project. It's been kind of uneventful for past recent months, but just to run through kind of the bullet points of our update, about the only real change on here that you'll see is the project schedule. We had originally anticipated putting that out to bid in December, um, however that's pending DEC, approval of the drawings and specs. Those were submitted back in early October, and we still haven't got an, the review completed on that. So, know, we're changing that bidding date on our scheduled for February, anticipating we can get comments from them soon, to get that out to bid. Um, which pushes back the award of contracts and pushed back the construction start. However, if you compared this to previous schedule's I've provided you, I did hold the June 2022 date for completion. Simply because, I didn't anticipate a lot of work to get finished, um, this winter, anyway. So, if we would have put it in December, and awarded contracts in February, I didn't anticipate much happening. Some administrative stuff could have gotten done. So I don't see that as being a real delay, now if we don't get this out the bid in February. That, I could see that resulting in pushing back project completion date because that will start to have some, some impact on our ability to get, you know, the contractor out there in a timely manner this year. So we'll see, well, we're working with the DEC to try to get their review, complete and make sure we address any other comments. The funding bullets here are all, as you have seen on previous updates. All the grants that are previously awarded, a loan that was previously awarded, all are the same. We only have one place holder on here of a pending grant, and that's a WQIP. We did apply for that back in 2019, and did not receive it. In 2020, there were no WTOP grants, in fact, there were no state water, wastewater grants at all. So, I've got a question mark on whether or not we want to resubmit that application 2021. But that's still pending there are even being a funding round and 2021 for those grants. So, that's to be determined. Um, permits, the issuance of the SPEDES permit is a little bit of an old one that has been on there for a little while, as that was issued back last fall. The SISD determination. Now, that's a new one on here, and this is part of what's holding up the current review, and that is the significant improvement, significant damage determination that is required for any work on facility that's within a 100 year floodplain. So, the Riverside pump stations within that flood plain, we're trying to show that the improvements to it are less than 50% of the current value. If it's determined to be over 50% of the current value, there are significantly greater amounts of flood protection that would be necessary. Since the pump stations connected to the bathroom, it would be required for the whole building. So we have made our determination, or our evaluation all of that being less than 50% provide it to the flood administrator, which is your code enforcement officer, and they've concurred with that. And that has been set in to flood hub who manages these? And as long as they concur with that, we're good to go. So.

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- Norma

08:44 - 08:49

Matt, that was just recently, like one day last week, that letter went to the flood hub, right?

- Matthew J. Cooper

08:49 - 08:50

Correct, Correct. That's, from Mr. Ingerson, yup. Action items, there's actually nothing for the board to do at tonight's meeting. Like I said, we're, we're anxious to get this out to bid, and hopefully, that'll be my update at one of your next 1 or 2 board meetings is that we we're ready to put this out the bid. Moving on to the I and II study. We completed that engineering report last summer, and submitted it to DEC, and the EFC for approval. We still have not gotten comments on that. You received the first 50% of the grant to cover that study upfront. They just disbursed the last 50% of that grant to you once EFC and DEC.

- Norma

09:54 - 09:54

Did we lose you Matt?

- Matthew J. Cooper

10:02 - 10:04

Supposed to get that last step complete. So the village's reimbursed for the grant money for the bills you've already covered. So that's what I've got tonight, is a pretty short update. Getting started here in the new year, we'd at least let you know where we stand.

- Norma

10:21 - 10:24

Well, we appreciate that, Matt, moving ahead. Slow, but sure.

- Matthew J. Cooper

10:27 - 10:28

Any questions for me?

- Nancy

10:31 - 10:33

I do. It's Nancy Hyde. I have a question, and maybe the question is for Matt. It might be for ..., or it might be for wastewater treatment. I'm not sure. I have noticed, especially in days

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like when we had Christmas time, we get a lot, when we get a lot of rain or snow melt. There appears to be a lot of standing water in the community, downtown. And I was under the impression, when this new project was taken care of, we wouldn't have that anymore. So am I misunderstanding the project or is it just everything isn't finished? And is my question clear?

- Matthew J. Cooper

11:14 - 11:20

So with the work on the sewer collection system, none of that has happened yet. We've only designed it. But even then, it would only affect backups in the sanitary sewer. If you've got storm sewer system backing up, it wouldn't necessarily improve that at all, because there have been efforts to separate the two. Now, there are some areas of potential cross connection where your storm sewer is connecting to the sanitary, and when the sanitary backs up, that could backup your storm, um, and this project would improve that, But it's a little hard to tell connected what pipes underneath what road eighty years ago.

- Nancy

12:10 - 12:10

All right, thank you.

- Norma

12:12 - 12:12

Thank you, Matt.

- Nancy

12:18 - 12:20

Is that you Rob, do you have any comments? Sorry, Norma.

- Terry Jones

12:21 - 12:22

I have a comment. This is Terry. As far as the standing water that you're noticing downtown, it's, it's because they aren't up to grade yet. That's only part of the downtown ... the storm drains aren't to grade. They are actually above the grade right now, because it's just the binder, once the final coat of blacktop, then you won't see it standing water downtown.

- Nancy

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All right. Thank you very much.

- Norma

12:56 - 12:59

Any other questions for Matt or Terry? Ok, moving right along um Paul Luck are you on the line?

- Paul Luck

13:06 - 13:19

Yeah, I'm calling for a landline and been cut out three times, so I'm hoping that this this connection works,

- Norma

13:20 - 13:21

OK, Well, what can we do to help you here for the budget for 2022?

- Paul Luck

13:22 - 13:24

Why just in case I get cut off, I do want to just make one statement before. I want to recognize Joanne for their efforts, in answering my foil requests. I've heard at these meetings you know that she's very busy. From my perspective she has communicated well and strives to provide information as quickly she can. So good job with a tough job, Joanne.

- Norma

13:42 - 13:43

Thank you.

- Paul Luck

13:43 - 13:46

Yeah, OK, well, the really, really agenda. I appreciate you joining me on here, Norma's talk about the 2022 budget process. So I've got a letter here. I'll read into the record. And if for some reason you'd have trouble hearing me, please let me know. So I'll start. The annual budget is perhaps the villages most vital document, and should be developed using the most current inaccurate information available. I've invested some time reviewing and analyzing the religious financial statements, as well as the New York State Guide on budgeting and planning, to provide the Board, one taxpayers perspective for consideration. For the budget for fiscal year, ending 2022 is developed. New York State's website is really tools to assess and analyze local government fiscal affairs. This website is a source of the

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historical information stated below and I'll be sending you a multi-year comparison of the villagers financial performance using this site as well as this document I'm writing for him now. Overview. The Village of Clayton's expenditures have exceeded revenue for many years. Over the last six years, 2015 through 2020, Village expenditures have exceeded general revenues by \$555,000. COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on 2020, but it only exacerbated in an already difficult situation to village has been for many years. The mayor and trustees will just go to cycle as fiduciaries have an opportunity and obligation of taxpayers to develop a realistic, fiscally responsible budget, an operational plan to control cost and tax rates and then deficit spending. So ... calendar, the controller in an understanding of the budget process, probably publication, describes a team budgetary process that starts with a budget calendar. The OSC recommends for a village, such as ours, with a fiscal year beginning June one. That the budget process, start by February eighth with specific steps scheduled through May one. I'll be sending you a copy of the calendar and ask the village to consider adopting this process to develop and share with the public a detailed budget calendar, tailored to the village's needs. One specific issue that needs to be resolved early on is the Unassigned Fund Balance. The unassigned fund balance was just \$48,000 in fiscal year ending 2017. 2% of general fund appropriations. For fiscal year ending 2020, the UFB was \$328,000, or 15% of general fund appropriations. It should be noted that a full third of the ending fund balance was a result of a reversal. Of \$119,000 in aged reserves that the board, presented were no longer affordable or needed, the Village's recently adopted and unassigned fund balance policies, that says a minimum requirement of 25% of the annual budget of appropriations. I thank the board for adopting and committing to this policy. New York State encourages fund balance policies stating, quote, "A goal to mitigate current and future risks, such as revenue shortfall, unanticipated expenditures, stabilization of tax rates, protection of credit worthiness, and to provide adequate cash flow needs during extraordinary times of stress. Specifically, should be going below the 25% minimum, the village's policy cause replenishment of the fund in the following fiscal year or absent that over not more than three fiscal years. So, what are the implications for Fiscal Year 2022's budget? Choosing fiscal Year 2021 appropriation with two point two million and the beginning fund of 328,000, and applying the 25% minimum, the unassigned fund balance... policy requirements by \$224,000. If that shortfall is replenish over one year cycle resolves solely through taxation, which I do not recommend a one time tax increase of 16% would be required. If over three years, this will be spread out, 5% one-time tax increases. This simplistic analysis assumes no cost increases, no new projects to be funded, and no changes in revenues or aid. The budget process needs to reflect a plan to comply with the policy and I have identified an opportunity which I'll describe in a minute that may mitigate and eliminate this issue. The unassigned fund Balance policy and reserve review practice should be applied to all funds. For the purposes of illustration, I have applied the unassigned Fund Balance Policy to the waterfront balance of \$880,000. Again using fiscal year 2021, appropriations of 661,000. And applying a 25 percent minimum yields a potential reduction in the Current Fund balance of \$715,000, a sizeable opportunity. NY state law allows waterfront surplus surplus is going to be transferred to the fund balance. Any surplus is could be used in a manner that benefits taxpayers such as to close the gap to policy in the unassigned fund balance and noted above, thus avoiding a tax increase, to build additional balances in the unassigned fund balance, to establish new reserves. For example, General road maintenance, Finance new

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project stabilized future. Future tax and water rate increases should be acknowledged, water rate billings generate surpluses and when those surpluses are used for in general expenses. Water rates should be viewed as a phantom tax. Please note that the waterfront Capital Reserve account has been in the \$450,000 range for the last five years. The sewer funds reserved for repairs is \$484,000. A thorough review of fund balances and reserves should be conducted to confirm their supportable and appropriate adjustments are made. I'm also attaching two pages to this e-mail, which I'll send you of bar charts from the Office of State Controller to compare the Village of Clayton to three baselines, all New York State villages, North Country villages, and medium upstate Village's for fiscal year 2019. The most current data available on the website. These comparisons may be useful to consider as you develop next year's cost assumptions. So my summary of my request, one is to adopt a budget calendar. Second, rebuild the unassigned fund balance per policy. Establish fund balance policies for all fund and review current levels. Review and validate reserves your capital and repairs, and review the fiscal indicators and comparisons to other villages to identify assumptions. Conclusion. **Some** members of the board ran for their office and promises of transparency and fiscal responsibility. Forward thinking and focus over the next year and beyond would reconcile well with the village's motto of, quote, "Honor the past, challenge the present, Create the future", Unquote, deliver on campaign promises. And discharge the board's fiduciary responsibility. That's all I have, thanks for listening.

- Norma

21:34 - 21:35

So we have the budget calendar already. It was handed out last week with a week of February, first meeting with the department head, So we can send that to you, Paul, and if you'll send us all the information you shared with us verbally, we can take a look at it. Ok.

- Paul Luck

21:52 - 21:56

Ok, thanks for listening Norma, I appreciate it and thank you Joann, for all your help.

- Norma

21:56 - 21:57

Ok, thank you. Any questions for Paul? Ok, Thank you. Kevin's not on the phone. Any you've got his report. I don't have anything extra. Josh is still in school. This is the last week for that. So, OK, anybody have any questions for the Police department? If not, we can move on to you Terry.

- Terry Jones

22:22 - 22:25

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Hi, everyone again. You all have a copy of my report. Things are going well at the DPW. We are, we're almost the end of the month here. So we've got one hard month left, in here and then March is kind of the change over a month. And so I'm pretty lucky so far. I wanted to add that there's about 90 feet of ... missing on the Mary Street dock. We want to go down, we're not gonna get anything fancy, but, we're gonna, doctor it up so that we can utilize those sections. Next year is about 90 feet of staving missing, and we're just going to kind of doctor it up until we get the REDI project, which is supposed to start in the Fall of 2021. So, what were taken. We're out right now getting prices and we're running in the ballpark of around \$1200 or \$1300 and there is money in our dock budgets. We'll be, will be OK there, and now that we're making. Get off the ice and get it done in a timely manner. That's about all I have If you have any other questions on my report.

- Norma

23:47 - 23:53

I didn't have anything, Terry. Does anyone on the board, have anything, for Terry.

- Nancy

23:54 - 23:55

No, I don't. Thank you.

- Norma

23:57 - 24:00

So, I guess you're good to go Terry. There is one Thing I'd like to ask you, Terry, and I would be glad to come up to the Town barn, and ask for some co-operation here. We're in a bind right now with COVID. And we can't respond at 6:30 7 o'clock in the morning to text messages and e-mails. So kinda keep them within 8 to 4 type of. If they are life-threatening, of course, calls but to straighten out little details could be helpful if we could get them a little later in the day.

- Terry Jones

24:35 - 24:41

Ok, I don't know if you're talking about. Must be you're getting e-mails or text during?

- Norma

24:43 - 24:45

I don't mind, but come on. I mean, there, we're trying and this COVID thing takes up a whole lot of time from Alicia. And the more people you got the more you've got to chase, the more time it takes, and that is, the number one thing that we all have to do, is stay healthy, and keep our staff healthy, and our community. So.

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- Terry Jones

25:05 - 25:06

Absolutely.

- Norma

25:06 - 25:11

... under the rug because they're all fighting COVID. Ok, thanks, Terry.

- Terry Jones

25:16 - 25:16

Thank you.

- Norma

25:18 - 25:26

Ok, who's going to talk to us, Rob or Star, from the water plant?

- Rob

25:27 - 25:28

I can talk to you if you want.

- Norma

25:27 - 25:28

Oh, that'd be great.

- Rob

25:29 - 25:33

Ok, so, in December, there are no SPEDES violations, or water complaints. Even though we did have the overflow event on Christmas at Riverside, Drive and east Union, um, that overflow. We had 20.5 hours overtime, a lot for that overflow. That's One of the things there, we're gonna look at this coming year for time, that overtime the guys are getting. Th Month of December, they had 62.5. 68.36 was for weekend coverage. Then 32.5 hours for Call ins. Riverside Drive pump station transistor ordered a replacement for that...for quite some time, in the long run, they should save us some overtime and paperwork Tinsley Power. They did Some were at ... station. ...the generators operate. They came in and found a diaphragm of the primary. That parts been ordered when it comes in my

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replace it as part of the warranty. It's in November, there was, uh, a chlorinator at the water plant. After came up with a panel, to replace that didn't quite ... chlorinator... another card that's been ordered. When that comes in they will fix that, so that, for where we're at with. The guys are continuing Good work and be safe. Monitoring who comes in and who's leaving.

- Norma

27:43 - 27:45

And they're all healthy over there right now.

- Rob

27:47 - 27:48

Yeah. Star's keeping a close tab on that. If they get out of line, she cracks the whip. So. Star's doing a good job.

- Norma

28:01 - 28:04

We just got to cross all of our T's. Make Public Health. Does anyone have any questions for a Star or for Rob? If not, thank you very much for calling in and thanks for good job over there.

- Rob

28:21 - 28:22

Ok, thank you.

- Norma

28:24 - 28:28

Ok, we're moving right on to the consent agenda. I've got a question on page 3. And maybe I misunderstood. I thought, Nancy, you are going to call Joe about the sign law?

- Nancy

28:44 - 28:44

Yes.

- Norma

28:45 - 28:46

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Ok, because it says here. I didn't do anything.

- Nancy

28:50 - 28:53

Now, you use, we spoke later and you told me to call him.

- Norma

28:58 - 29:01

Yes, the meeting that you would get ahold of him. OK, so.

- Nancy

29:05 - 29:06

Yes, no, I know, I understand that.

- Norma

29:09 - 29:15

Are there any other questions on the consent agenda, items 1, 2, and 3? If not, Nancy, would you make a motion, please?

- Nancy

29:22 - 29:26

Yes, I will, I'll make that motion for the consent agenda 1, 2 and 3.

- Joe Chrisman

29:27 - 29:30

And I'll second it.

- Norma

29:31 - 29:33

Ok, thank you. All in favor?

- Nancy

29:34 - 29:35

Aye.

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- Norma

29:37 - 29:43

Thank you, and on the capital projects, there was, um, correction made back on Global contracting that we indicated the check was for \$32,000. The original was \$33 that was approved, but we held some money back because of the water tower. So, we just wanted that to be documented that they are all correct, now. Is there anything else on the consent agenda around the capital projects? If not, Can we get a motion to accept that?

- Nancy

30:16 - 30:18

I'll make a motion to accept number 4.

- Norma

30:19 - 30:22

Nancy, Ok. And the second?

- Steve Badour

30:23 - 30:26

I'll second it.

- Norma

30:23 - 30:26

Thank you, Joe. On paper.

- Nancy

30:26 - 30:28

Are you on now, Steve?

- Steve Badour

30:29 - 30:31

Yes, yeah, I had a little problem with the computer.

- Norma

30:33 - 30:36

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Ok, so, Steve, as this sounds like it, OK, so are we all set on number 4? All in favor? Anyone opposed? Ok, on this shared DOT agreement. Joanne, do you know if it was to me for years that we did it before? I think it was four I met to check that today, and I didn't.

- Joanne

31:00 - 31:01

It was four years.

- Norma

31:01 - 31:02

It was, OK. So did everybody on the board get a chance to take a look at that? And it's the same thing that we've had for decades.

- Joe Chrisman

31:14 - 31:15

Yeah, I didn't see anything wrong with it.

- Norma

31:17 - 31:22

Ok, so I, would somebody make a motion so I can sign that tomorrow for four years.

- Joe Chrisman

31:24 - 31:25

I'll make that motion.

- Norma

31:26 - 31:27

Thank you, do I have a second.

- Nancy

31:28 - 31:29

I'll second.

- Norma

31:29 - 31:29

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Nancy. All in favor?

- Nancy

31:32 - 31:33

Aye.

- Norma

31:34 - 31:43

Anyone opposed? Carried. OK, on the library agreement, do you want to talk about that, Nancy?

- Nancy

31:45 - 31:46

Yes, that would be fine. So we send an agreement to the Town of Clayton. Because the town also helps out with giving money to the library. So this service agreement between the Village and the Town of Clayton for that additional 9000 that the town gives to Hawn Memorial Library, and this is done every year. So, I would make a motion to accept that annual library service agreement, and it is a yearly agreement.

- Norma

32:19 - 32:20

Ok. And do we have a second on that?

- Joe Chrisman

32:24 - 32:26

Yeah, this is Joe. I'll second that.

- Norma

32:27 - 32:28

Ok, all in favor? All right. Anyone opposed? Ok, that motion's carried. The historian service agreement, we share the historian with the town and they contribute to that salary as well. So we know, that's an annual agreement and it could be said that the historians doing a great job, He has great stuff in the paper, he relates well at the state and the county, he's got some great pictures that he's taken of the project. And he's starting to look into next year, will be the 150th birthday of the Village of Clayton, so he's getting some information together for that. So there's still a really great job. Would someone, make a motion to renew that?

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- Steve Badour

33:24 - 33:27

I'll make the motion.

- Norma

33:27 - 33:28

Thank you. Do I have a second?

- Nancy

33:28 - 33:29

I'll second.

- Norma

33:30 - 33:33

Thank you, Nancy. All in favor?

- Nancy

33:33 - 33:33

Aye. And opposed anyone? Joanne, and you'll get those down to the Town. Couple minutes, next couple of days, OK?

- Joanne

33:41 - 33:42

Yep, absolutely.

- Norma

33:43 - 33:47

Yeah, OK, that'd be great, OK, now, you're on Joanne, tell us how you got here.

- Joanne

33:54 - 33:55

Sorry about that, Had to get my mic on. Ok, so the first thing I have is the draft invoice for the new Muni-Link water bills. Everyone has a copy of that. That's what they're gonna look like. I've been working with Leah and I think her name is ... From Harris. To get this succeeded and make it look like kinda that look like it did before. But it is going to be blue

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and I think it's just more user friendly as far as reading. Um, we'll just going to, if you guys approve this then I am going to order 1500 forms tomorrow, so that will be ready for the March first billing.

- Norma

34:48 - 34:50

Now Joanne, We're all done with Harris, right?

- Joanne

34:52 - 34:56

We're all done Harris as far as the water sewer, yes.

- Norma

34:57 - 34:58

Right, OK. That was just a question.

- Joanne

35:03 - 35:07

I mentioned Harris, because we're still going to buy the forms from them.

- Nancy

35:17 - 35:17

Joanne, the only situation I saw on this invoice was on the left side, It says 425, Mary Street. And on the right side, it 450, Mary Street.

- Joanne

35:32 - 35:33

Yes. That was corrected, today.

- Nancy

35:36 - 35:36

Ok.

- Joanne

35:38 - 35:39

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And thank you for catching that.

- Nancy

35:40 - 35:42

And otherwise, I didn't see anything.

- Joanne

35:43 - 35:43

Ok.

- Nancy

35:44 - 35:44

Looked fine to me.

- Joanne

35:45 - 35:47

If everybody else is OK with it, then I can call her tomorrow to put an order in if that's OK.

- Joe Chrisman

35:48 - 35:52

I think it looks fine.

- Joanne

35:55 - 36:12

All right, So the next thing is Kevin Patchen, I need approval for his, um, he's the joint planning board, and what is his? His term is going to run through December 31st, 2025. And I believe ... been placed...

- Norma

36:22 - 36:22

Yeah. We'll need a motion for that, can somebody make a motion to accept, Kevin, Patch and for the planning board.

- Nancy

36:28 - 36:31

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I'll make that motion for Kevin Patchen being put on the Planning Board.

- Norma

36:33 - 36:34

And a second, please.

- Joe Chrisman

36:36 - 36:37

I'll second it.

- Norma

36:37 - 36:39

Thank you, Joe. And all in favor?

- Joe Chrisman

36:42 - 36:42

Aye.

- Nancy

36:43 - 36:43

Aye.

- Norma

36:44 - 36:48

Anyone opposed? OK, that's taken care of.

- Joanne

36:49 - 36:49

Yeah. He replaced Paul Heckmann.

- Norma

36:53 - 36:55

Right, Paul Heckmann.

- Joanne

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36:57 - 37:14

So, and then also Alicia wanted me to put on here for Janine LaClair for the library, she has to have an increase because of minimum wage, has gone up to 12.50 an hour and that's effective, 12/31/2020.

- Nancy

37:17 - 37:18

I'll make that motion for Janine LaClair.

- Norma

37:20 - 37:21

Ok, do we have a second? Do we have a second...

- Joe Chrisman

37:23 - 37:25

Ya, I'll second it.

- Norma

37:25 - 37:27

Ok, thank you. All in favor?

- Nancy

37:29 - 37:30

Aye.

- Norma

37:30 - 37:31

Anyone opposed? Ok, go ahead Joanne.

- Joanne

37:35 - 37:42

Then the same for Tresa Forkey for 12.50 per hour, effective 12/31/2020.

- Nancy

37:43 - 37:44

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I'll make that motion.

- Norma

37:45 - 37:49

Nancy. And the second is from Joe?

- Joe Chrisman

37:49 - 37:50

I second it.

- Norma

37:49 - 37:50

All in favor?

- Nancy

37:53 - 37:54

Aye.

- Norma

37:56 - 37:56

Ok. Alrighty, we talked about Tom LaClair, and so we're all set with him. And we did include the report that he sent to the state. It was interesting, all the things said he had accomplished, even with COVID out there. And I sent you the schedule for the budget, and I checked with the department heads and those dates worked for them. So Tina will reach out to them the week of February eighth and get department heads lined up, and they'll start this budget process.

- Joe Chrisman

38:33 - 38:39

So, Norma, that whole e-mail, that whole email and Nancy tried to e-mail it to me, as well. Um, I get none of it. It's all in code.

- Norma

38:46 - 38:46

What?

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- Joe Chrisman

38:48 - 38:48

I know, right?

- Norma

38:48 - 38:49

Any e-mails that I send you?

- Joe Chrisman

38:52 - 38:57

I don't know if it's something on my computer, But it's not allowing me to open any of that.

- Norma

38:58 - 39:00

Ok, well, I will.

- Joanne

39:03 - 39:14

Is it just the attachment? OK, so because it's in digital towpath, I can send it to you in PDF file.

- Joe Chrisman

39:15 - 39:16

Oh, that would be super cool.

- Joanne

39:17 - 39:18

Ok, I'll do that tomorrow.

- Norma

39:19 - 39:20

Ok, so you're gonna be all set Joe. Thanks. The only thing I'd like to bring to your attention, We got a notice over the weekend. The sales tax money that will be coming on February fourth to the county will be \$467,827 less, then what we would normally get for the county. I haven't seen anything from the county to see if they're going to take the same ratios of

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how they're going to disperse it to towns and villages, but that's a big hit right there and that's... That money, according to the Comptroller's Office will, going into our distress provider account, which will help for nursing homes and hospitals. I don't know how we're going to make it, but. Well we don't have any choice that's where it's going, just makes our budget that much tougher. So I think we will hear something from the County, pretty quick. I didn't call him. I mean, probably 40 people have already called him, then. He'll put something out there as soon as he's got the information. But, \$467,827 not, come into Jefferson County. So is there anything else anybody has that they want to share with us?

- Joe Chrisman

40:49 - 40:51

I just have one question, Norma. Um, last year, I don't think it was resolved about how much snow has to be on the sidewalks to get removed because there's still quite a few places in the village that they're not shoveling or doing anything.

- Norma

41:11 - 41:19

Well, go get a list together and Kevin and Terry out to round them up.

- Joe Chrisman

41:22 - 41:23

Because they're getting pretty icy.

- Norma

41:27 - 41:28

I haven't been walking like I should, so I haven't seen that many. I actually haven't seen any, But I know that the Boat Museum right over to Mike to clean that up, right, Nancy?

- Nancy

41:41 - 41:49

Well, they did a very good job of cleaning up the entrance, but for some reason, the young man completely avoids the sidewalk. The entrance was much better. It's icy, again, but he completely misses the sidewalk, which I don't understand.

- Norma

41:59 - 42:01

I guess I don't either. So I guess it goes right in the list of everybody else, Joe, so at that one and if you see, I'll just We just have to document it and send them a letter.

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- Joe Chrisman

42:13 - 42:18

Well, did we come to the conclusion of how much snow fall first?

- Norma

42:20 - 42:21

I thought it was two inches, but I'm not sure.

- Norma

42:23 - 42:25

We can look, Kevin's got... Kevin will be here tomorrow. I'll ask him. I thought there's two inches but I'm not 100% sure of that.

- Nancy

42:35 - 42:47

Norma, I think you're, you're basically correct because we did have that discussion last year but we also knew that getting dustings and things of that nature and we've had a lot of dusting this year.

- Norma

42:48 - 42:48

Yeah. Well, I mean, we just haven't had that much snow.

- Nancy

42:51 - 42:51

Right? No, we haven't.

- Norma

42:55 - 43:00

So, one will take a look at it and if anyone sees somebody we'll get them to Kevin. There you go, the corners the DPW guys do. So I think they've got those all cleaned out. I haven't noticed any adults that aren't done. So take a look at him, Joe, and we'll get Terry and Kevin on it.

- Joe Chrisman

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43:19 - 43:20

I'll do that. Thank you very much.

- Norma

43:21 - 43:22

I'm sure.

Anything else from anybody.

- Nancy

43:25 - 43:29

Yes, I had wanted to I noticed today. There's a few of the telephone or the polls coming down.

- Norma

43:35 - 43:36

I don't think there's, I don't know. Maybe they did.

- Norma

43:37 - 43:38

There was 1 or 2 that came down on Riverside, I. Believe.

- Nancy

43:41 - 43:43

Yes, I thought that was exciting.

- Norma

43:43 - 43:54

It is exciting it's disappointing that national Grid's dragging their feet and getting the streetlights because we can't take all poles down until the street Lights are up.

- Norma

43:59 - 44:00

Until the street lights are up?

- Norma

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44:01 - 44:02

The pole doesn't have an attachment to a street light, that can happen. It's gotta walk, because you don't want to be downtown about streetlights. I don't think, hm, hm. So, well, this has been an ugly for about a month with National Guard going back and forth. So we'll see where that ends up. But I didn't know if they can take down the ones that are attached to, strictly, that'd be great adolescent, downtown at all times. It's getting there. Is there anything else for anyone, anyone on the public, to someone that needs anything? If not, can we have a motion to close the meeting?

- Nancy

44:41 - 44:42

I'll make the motion to close the meeting.

- Norma

44:43 - 44:44

Thank you, Nancy. Can we have a second?

- Joe Chrisman

44:48 - 44:49

I'll second it.

- Norma

44:49 - 44:52

Ok, thank you, Joe. All in favor?

- Nancy

44:53 - 44:53

Aye.

- Norma

44:54 - 44:57

Ok, Thank you very much, Everybody, Have a good night.

- Nancy

44:58 - 44:59

Thank you.