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This conference will now be recorded.

- Norma

00:04 - 00:06

Hi Alicia. We are all hooked up, right? Jo Ann, do you have a record of all the callers? Is Joanne with us.

- Joanne

00:18 - 00:18

Yeah. No. There's a lot of callers that I don't have names.

- Norma

00:21 - 00:21

Ok. So maybe, we should, you call them out, and have everybody identify themselves. Because we've got six.

- Steve Badour

00:32 - 00:32

Steve Badour, he is here.

- Norma

00:37 - 00:40

OK.

- Joe Chrisman

00:40 - 00:41

Joe Chrisman.

- Nancy

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Nancy Hyde.

- Norma

00:48 - 00:49

Nancy, you're calling in?

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- Nancy

00:51 - 00:52

Yes.

- Norma

00:53 - 00:56

Ok, so we've got Steve, Joe, Nancy, we've got three more out there.

- Susie O'Neill

00:57 - 00:58

Susie O'Neill

- Norma

00:59 - 01:00

OK, we've got Susie.

- Allen Heberling

01:00 - 01:02

Allen Heberling

- Norma

01:04 - 01:05

We've got Allen.

- Norma

01:07 - 01:12

Ok, we've got one more.

- Rob

01:16 - 01:16

Rob Stevenson

- Norma

01:17 - 01:18

Who is that again?

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- Rob

01:19 - 01:19
Rob Stevenson

- Norma

01:21 - 01:22
Ok, Rob. Good.

- Star C

01:26 - 01:26
And Star Carter.

- Norma

01:29 - 01:33

Ok, so, we've got everybody here, so we'll open up the meeting. Kevin is not on, but at the last meeting. We talked about, Josh David, going to schools starting this week. And we were OK with it, if they would split the time with the village and paying only for half of the days that he was gone, he would pick up the other half when we had that discussion via e-mail, and they agreed to that, so, if everybody's still on board could we get a vote on this? So, would somebody make the motion?

- Steve Badour

01:34 - 02:05
I'll make the motion.

- Norma

02:13 - 02:16

Steve. OK, and this is for Josh to go to school the eleventh through the end of January and he will pick up half the time, and he will work the night shifts on Friday and Saturday. So do I have a second?

- Jeremy Kellogg

02:31 - 02:32
I'll second it.

- Norma

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02:33 - 02:35

Ok, Jeremy, all in favor?

- Jeremy

02:36 - 02:36

Aye.

- Nancy

02:36 - 02:36

Aye.

- Norma

02:38 - 02:39

Anyone opposed? Ok, so he's good to go. Oh, Terry Jones what do you got for us.

- Terry Jones

02:47 - 02:48

Good evening, everyone. You all have a copy of the DPW activity report and I also included the 2020 year in Review. Things are going well with the DPW right now. We're slow right now because of the weather, but I think I think you're gonna see a pattern change here in the next week or two, and we'll be fighting snow again. We did clean up some snow downtown, and some areas on Rees street, which is rather narrow on the last few days. So that's added to the report. Does anyone have any questions for me?

- Nancy

03:25 - 03:26

I have a question, Terry. It's Nancy. Just anything new about FEMA and the ready project.

- Terry Jones

03:33 - 03:39

I spoke briefly with Matt Keller from FEMA on Friday. We're still, They needed a couple of, they needed the Extension letter. I don't know where, it goes through so many hands. So they needed the extension letter. I forwarded that tool and we're getting closer. This is the original. This is the 2017. Issues that we had. Then, as far as of 2019, we haven't heard anything, haven't gotten to go ahead on the 2019, but I'm hopeful then the next couple of months, we can get those projects out to bid, the Centennial Project, the area over on that Rotary Park, and hopefully we get that started. It's. Been three years and it's time to. Four years. Now. It's time to get that stuff done.

- Norma

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And there is nothing we can do with FEMA. They only work at their pace, so.

- Terry Jones

04:35 - 04:35

Yup. Well, I guess we're one step closer.

- Norma

04:44 - 04:46

Well, that's good, one step at a time. Does anyone have any other questions for our Terry? Don't we Still, everybody on board here?

- Norma

05:04 - 05:06

Ok, all righty, so I think they're all set, Terry. Thank you very much.

- Terry Jones

05:08 - 05:09

Ok, thank you.

- Norma

05:10 - 05:19

Ok, thank you oh, we didn't have wastewater treatment plan on the agenda, but Rob is on the phone and so a Star Carter. We did have an overflow on Christmas, so maybe one of you would want to kind of bring us up to date on that overflow.

- Rob

05:29 - 05:36

Well, on Christmas Eve we had just over an inch and a half rain with the snow melt. Erik Dingman was the operator on call. He came in to keep an eye on things. He called the hauler Gleason Septic Service and put them on call. At one o'clock in the morning, he had to turn on the pumps and he called them in. Riverside Drive bypassed 356,000 gallons to the river. And Gleason's hauled 91,000 gallons to the wastewater plant. East Union Street had just over 15,000 gallons overflow, and they hauled 89,000 gallons from East Union Street over to the wastewater plant. Total, there was 2.5 inches of rain in less than 24 hours, plus the snow melt. The DEC has been very understanding, and they cannot wait for the wastewater system improvement project to get going.

- Norma

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Right? We'll have our operation plan together so we're in good shape. The DEC is OK, As long as we stick with our plan.

- Rob

07:02 - 07:03

That is correct.

- Norma

07:04 - 07:06

Does anyone have any questions for Rob? Ok, thanks a lot Rob for bringing us up to date on them, and then we'll have a regular report at the end of the month. So, we'll be good. Ok, on the consent agenda, Joanne, on the draft minutes, I think it should be December 14th and the 28th, right? Not November 23rd?

- Joanne

07:39 - 07:39

Yeah.

- Norma

07:40 - 07:41

Ok. Ok, OK, on the items 1-4, does anyone have any questions, corrections or anything?

- Nancy

07:52 - 08:06

I have a question, item four in the abstract, who is, or what is link computer, because we, we have link computer and then we have superior computer services. So who is link?

- Norma

08:09 - 08:10

Now, MuniLink. Go ahead.

- Joanne

08:12 - 08:14

Link computer is Muni link.

- Nancy

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Oh, OK.

- Joanne

08:16 - 08:21

Superior is our IT person, Annie.

- Nancy

08:22 - 08:23

Gotcha, OK, thank you.

- Norma

08:24 - 08:27

Yeah, MuniLink is the new software for the water billing. Any other, Well, let's wrap up, items, 1- 4 do we have any other questions on those? If not, can I have a motion on Items 1 through 4 on the consent agenda.

- Steve

08:46 - 08:49

I'll make the motion.

- Norma

08:49 - 08:50

OK, thanks, Steve. And do I have a second?

- Nancy

08:52 - 08:52

I'll second.

- Norma

08:53 - 08:54

Nancy. Thank you. All in favor?

- Nancy

08:58 - 08:59

Aye.

- Norma

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09:00 - 09:00

Anyone opposed? Ok, so on capital project anybody got any questions on those, we already answered the MuniLink deal. So, is there anything else? This pretty much wraps our part. We signed the final Form E for the Waste Water Project books for 2 or 3 years. So, we're pretty good on that. So, that's a good thing. Can we have our motion then, for the capital projects Item five?

- Nancy

09:36 - 09:38

I'll make that motion for item five.

- Norma

09:39 - 09:41

Nancy and a second?

- Jeremy Kellogg

09:42 - 09:42

I'll make the motion.

- Norma

09:45 - 09:49

Jeremy: OK. All in favor? All right, anyone opposed? Ok, so, Joanne, on the, on your agenda?

- Joanne

10:03 - 10:14

I just said the renewal of the pivot Employee Assistance Service contract, it is \$600, again, this year, it has not gone up, I'll just need an approval, Board approval for that.

- Norma

10:17 - 10:22

Ok, and that is a mandatory thing that we have to do to offer our employees. Some people don't really utilize it, and they do have some good things. Joanne's good about sending out the newest things that they've offered, but we don't use it very often it but we need to have that. So, wpi;d somebody made a motion, so we can sign that.

- Nancy

10:42 - 10:43

I'll make the motion for pivot.

- Norma

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Thank you and do I have a second.

- Jeremy Kellogg

10:47 - 10:48

I'll second it.

- Norma

10:49 - 10:50

Thank you, Jeremy. Oh, all in favor? Anyone opposed?

- Norma

11:02 - 11:11

Ok, so we had a hard time, the last two weeks find, and people were at work, or not at work, and we kinda caught off this week. I sent out the information that we got to save the river, so we could have sea bins and litter traps, and I sent it over to Star, and she made some comments. With her environmental background, thought it would be a good idea to do that, Did any one, have any questions on the information I sent out to you? Or does anyone have a problem with it? Save the river, going to get this grant so they can do this?

- Nancy

11:48 - 11:50

No, I'm I'm, I'm fine with, it sounds like a good idea.

- Norma

11:53 - 11:57

Ok, do you want to make a motion on it, Nancy, so I can get back to John?

- Nancy

11:58 - 12:05

So I make the motion for save the river, to do what they're gonna get a grant to get sea bins and litter traps to be installed in Clayton.

- Norma

12:10 - 12:12

Ok, do we have a second on that, please?

- Jeremy Kellogg

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12:13 - 12:14

I'll second.

- Norma

12:15 - 12:18

Ok, thank you, Jeremy. All in favor? All right. Talking about say the river. I don't know if you folks are aware of the fact that the Executive Director John Peach Has. Gone to Roswell Park, he's got a melanoma. Pretty aggressive one, so he's working from home in terms of the river and... himself. Ok, so we've got that list. The Financial Report we got for November from EFPR. And the good news is, we're six months into the budget, and everybody is doing a great job to stay within the budget, well, within the 50% limit, so that's really good. We'll have a new one for December, by the end of this month, and the DOT Track reporter gave us some information that they weren't excited about doing anything between James Street and Riverside to continue that pattern, that one time they were but apparently not now, but they would continue working on the Merrick and, John Street, if that's OK, and come up with a plan for that. And we've gotta keep in mind that someday this street will be ours, so maybe we can go back, they might go back to it, but that doesn't sound to me. Like, they're going to keep this pattern on James Street and people really like the one-way, but... Can I tell them to go ahead and keep working on Jones Street and Merrick Street to come up with a pattern for us?

- Nancy

14:06 - 14:07

It's fine with me, Yeah?

- Joe Chrisman

14:08 - 14:09

Yeah, I would keep it.

- Norma

14:10 - 14:11

Thanks. Let them see what they come up with... Yea, I mean it has to have a public hearing. There's a lot of things you gotta, do after they give it to us. So, with all, they know, the public doesn't like it, when we don't have to do it. ... I think we need some guidance on how to, especially John Street, that's been a nightmare down there. So, we had a letter, from Paul Heckmann he is resigning from the Planning Board. I'll read the letter to you. Please accept this letter as my resignation from the Planning Board. Age and ongoing health issues, COVID... He ahs been doing this for fifteen years and it's been pleasure for him. He was really active, especially when the hotel project was going on. He had great insight and was really, really helpful. He wished us all a Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2021. I sent him a note and then Lance Peterson had a certificate made up and Doug Rogers, the Planning Board Chair, and Lance and myself We signed it and sent him a certificate of appreciation as well. If anybody would like to donate one night a month to the planning board, they haven't found anybody yet.

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But, Paul did an excellent job for us. We're going to miss him. So, the Committee for the employee handbook and the policy has really got a lot accomplished. And we're going to meet again on Friday, and we all got assignments to do. It's just a great thing to get this put to bed. We've had this out for a long time and it just didn't get done. And Alicia is just cracking the whip so this will get this done, so we'll have something for the board probably in a month. For them to review and see what they think of. This morning, I got an e-mail from somebody, I can't remember who it was, on this COVID deal. That the biggest places right now, that they're tracing stuff back to are gas pumps and shopping carts. So be extra careful when you pump your gas or go to the grocery store. Because there's this new variant does very contagious, and I think that a lot of this goes to ... places. And, I think 3 or 4 months ago, I didn't get a chance to check with your Joanne, but I think we authorize the Red Cross to have a blood bank here, and use them in this building on September 18. And we told them that, with a covenant on it, You know, depending on COVID, and things don't change, but they sent it to me again this morning and asking if it was going to be OK. But, we've already approved it. So, I'm still good with it if things don't get worse. See how it is in September and we're out of the weeds with this. Spite of all the bad news, or is there a pretty fortunate to have Kenny Brabant to keep that ice. Weren't going to spend a lot of people over there to enjoy that. Oh, well, that is still the fire department and choose made some child pretty nice, happy birthday when they did it. By one day yesterday, it was for them, because they couldn't have a birthday party. So it's great that the community still sticks together, and tries to make the best of all the issues that we got. So does anyone on the board have any questions?

- Nancy

18:09 - 18:10
I do, Norma.

- Norma

18:11 - 18:11
Sure, go ahead.

- Nancy

18:12 - 18:23
One of the situations that I've seen is, again, that the parking lot at the Antique Boat Museum, not at the Antique Boat Museum, but the one down on off at James Street. And I know they have a snowblower, is it possible that they could at least keep the entrance looking better, because it's, it's really getting caked was snow and ice and businesses. And people are commenting, they're not keeping the sidewalk well cleared and Somebody's going to get hurt.

- Norma

18:44 - 18:45
Are you talking about James Street Nancy?

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- Nancy

18:46 - 18:48

Yes, yes. And I know I know they have a snowblower.

- Norma

18:49 - 18:50

Yeah, but they don't use it. They hire somebody, yeah. I this is always an issue like that guy that they hired to do snow removal, sidewalks. Forget about that unless it gets jacked up about it So, last night.

- Norma

19:05 - 19:07

Yeah, OK, Yes, yeah.

- Nancy

19:07 - 19:10

Last week, would you check with Joe Russell, I requested from him, a, his version of the sign law. And I haven't received anything. And this was back in, back in November. So, if you would check with him, please.

- Norma

19:25 - 19:26

Sure. He is usually off pretty much those two weeks between Christmas and New Years.

- Nancy

19:31 - 19:32

Alright, OK. Last year, I know that we didn't have COVID, but last year, we started to get together about the budget for the new year. Are we going to have any meetings this month, or. Shortly in. Reference to the new budget?

- Norma

19:48 - 19:53

I don't think we did anything until March, as March.

- Norma

19:53 - 19:53

We had a Meeting with the board and in January just to discuss where we were at. That was last January. And we haven't had any.

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- Norma

20:05 - 20:05

Was Joanne at that?

- Nancy

20:07 - 20:07

Yes, she was. She came, and now, the whole board was there, and.

- Norma

20:12 - 20:14

On March 13th. I remember that because that's the day that go but kicked in.

- Norma

20:19 - 20:20

Yeah, But we had a January one and I just didn't know if we were going to have anything similar so that we could get a rough estimate about what's happening and what do. We need to. Do for next year.

- Norma

20:29 - 20:32

All right. I'll ask Tina what she has in mind To get us started. Ok, that's something really good shape and the budgets we've got now, which is a compliment to all the department heads. Anything else, Nancy?

- Nancy

20:47 - 20:49

No, that's all I have. Thank you.

- Norma

20:51 - 20:53

Anybody else on the board? So, I think, well, we gotta deal with just be extra careful, this COVID deal

- Joe Chrisman

20:54 - 20:55

Um, Norma.

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- Norma

20:56 - 20:58

Yes.

- Joe Chrisman

20:59 - 21:12

I'm sorry, my voice is coming through the phone and I don't have a stronger voice. I apologize. Is everything with the Toby issue resolved?

- Norma

21:21 - 21:24

Yeah. Who is this?

- Joe Chrisman

21:27 - 21:28

This is Joe.

- Norma

21:29 - 21:30

Ok, yeah, it's all resolved.

- Norma

21:30 - 21:36

Ok, because I know you wanted a meeting and the emails never got answered.

- Norma

21:40 - 21:51

Everything with the issue has been corrected and settled and done. I know Nancy hasn't had any communication with him and she's the DPW rep. I can check and see but the last information I had we got that thing put to bed and, oh, I tried to get a meeting together with oh, Brian Hammond and the board and everybody and he didn't think it was necessary. So we've done everything we can to get those corrected, I mean it's done.

- Joe Chrisman

22:22 - 22:28

Are we going to have an executive session on this?

- Norma

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I don't know why? I'm sorry.

- Joe Chrisman

22:33 - 22:35

Because there was a couple of huge issues that came in. That's why I was wondering.

- Norma

22:39 - 22:41

Oh, I didn't put in for an executive session. We can ask for one if you want to put one out there, Joe.

- Joe Chrisman

22:41 - 22:42

Yes.

- Norma

22:42 - 22:44

The reason that you want that? There's a couple of big issues that come up, and I would just like to get it resolved.

- Norma

22:55 - 22:59

Well, if you're going to have an executive session, we should have it on the agenda. And the reason and if the board is ok with that we can go into executive session, and you can ask your questions.

- Joe Chrisman

23:09 - 23:10

Ok. That'll be fantastic. Thank you.

- Norma

23:13 - 23:14

Anyone else got anything? Everybody in the community that's on the phone, did they have any issues that they want to bring up.

- Susie O'Neill

23:27 - 23:29

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Hi, this is Susie O'Neill. I would just like to ask what the status of the audit, from the Comptroller's Office is.

- Norma

23:35 - 23:41

Well, he was here last Friday, and he'll probably be around, and we're coming fine, we're doing fine with it. I don't know, I have nothing to report, other than the fact that he gets everything that you need, so and he works well with everybody. I don't know what you would like us to report on.

- Susie O'Neill

24:04 - 24:06

I just wonder what the staff, there's still, if they're still doing the audit, if it's being conducted if there has been any resolution. How are the numbers looking?

- Norma

24:07 - 24:18

They're not going to tell us that Susie, when they get the audit done, they'll give us a report and we'll bring it forward, but I think you'll see he does a lot of this remotely. He's been here twice. Actually he was here last Friday was his. He was here last Friday and he's pleased with the co-operation that he's getting to get the information he needs and it's going really well. But we don't they're not going to piecemeal the information out.

- Susie O'Neill

24:40 - 24:41

Ok, thank you.

- Norma

24:43 - 24:44

Anyone else? If everybody's all set, at Joe Chrisman's request will have all quick executive meeting. So, if Everybody wants to sign off, but the board we will have an executive session here, and we'll see what Joe needs.