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00:00 - 00:02

This conference will now be recorded.

- Norma

00:03 - 00:09

Thank you, Alicia. Could I ask everyone, if you're not speaking to please turn your mic off? It makes it really hard to transcribe these minutes, with all the background noise, so all these little green lights, that show up that your mic is on, where you please mute them so that we can move forward. Does everyone know how to mute their mic? Does no one care to mute their mic?

- Jeremy Kellogg

00:45 - 00:46

I'm muted.

- Norma

00:47 - 00:49

And that's good.

- Paul Luck

00:50 - 00:50

Muted.

- Norma

00:51 - 00:57

Thank you, just makes it easier when the girls have to transcribe these things. Ok, the first thing on the agenda is, the Clerk is going to read the Rules for a public hearing. We adopted these at our annual Meeting in December, and we just want to refresh your memory and bring you up to date. So, Joanne, would you please share that with the people that have called in?

- Joanne

01:16 - 01:17

Yes. Each speakers will be limited to five minutes. A speaker may not be permitted relinquish or, or any part of his or her allotted time to another speaker. Written comments may be accepted and included with the meeting. They may, but do not have to be read aloud at the hearing. All comments by any speaker must be addressed to the mayor and village trustees, as there shall be no dialog or open debate between members of the public during the hearing. Each speaker must introduce himself or her by name and address. It is required that one who wishes to speak at any hearing must sign in on the meeting sign in sheet. And complete the request to address the board

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form. Elected or appointed officials will be heard first followed by the general public. Each speaker is limited to a single opportunity to address the village board. Depending on the subject matter at hand, a speaker selected to represent a particular position may be given up to 20 minutes to present two points to the floor, followed by an equal opportunity for a representative from the opposing viewpoint. Only one speaker shall have the floor at a time, and others present, shall remain silent until it is their opportunity to speak. No demonstrations shall be committed, which will disrupt the hearing. If anyone has demonstration signs, they will be required to leave them at a location designated by the mayor. Disturbances may result in the suspension of the hearing and the removal of any offending party at the sole discretion of the mayor. The mayor may limit a speaker to less than five minutes, if his or her comments are repetitive and have already been addressed by another speaker.

- Norma

03:12 - 03:13

Thank you, Joanne. With that, we will open the public hearing at 5:34. And this topic is going to be on our budget that we have prepared for the next fiscal year. Oh, this morning, at 6:15, I received 23 questions from Paul Luck that I have right here. Which will be made part of this meeting. We'll attach them to that. We didn't have an opportunity today to address all these issues. So, Paul, we will get back to you with your questions. Do you want to speak Paul in regards to this at all?

- Paul Luck

04:01 - 04:03

Will you respond in writing Norma?

- Norma

04:04 - 04:05

I'm sorry, sure. I mean, there's a lot of things here that we could answer just off the cuff. But some of them have got to take some time, and.

- Paul Luck

04:15 - 04:21

I'm just asking you, if your response will be in writing.

- Norma

04:21 - 04:34

Well, we will get them together. We need to their treasurer and the accounting firm wasn't included on the e-mail, but I have shared it with them, so, we'll get these questions addressed and get them back to you.

- Paul Luck

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04:35 - 04:45

My question only is, you asked if I had anything to say, my question is, will you respond to me in writing to me? I'd appreciate it.

- Norma

04:47 - 04:52

Ok, so anyone else would like to speak to the budget? No one out there is on regarding the budget for the next fiscal year?

- Alan Heberling

04:58 - 05:04

Yes, I've got a question. I understand that the expenditures, mostly for the water district there was an expenditure of \$180,000 that was being planned and it wasn't clear to me during the last board meeting what exactly that was going to provide to the village, in the way of savings and efficiency. Could you expand on that, please? This is Alan Heberling.

- Norma

05:38 - 05:43

I think that Star and Thomas at both on the phone. I think you're referring to the upgrade to the meter system. Does that?

- Alan Heberling

05:52 - 05:53

How, how would it ... what is in place?

- Norma

05:59 - 06:03

What comes up on mine is Joe Chrisman, and this is Alan, that's speaking?

- Alan Heberling

06:05 - 06:05

Yes.

- Norma

06:05 - 06:16

Ok, well, I think that, Thomas, or would you like to speak toward on Star and all the things that what make this whole system better?

- Star C

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06:23 - 06:27

This is Star and I can start and then if Thomas wants to jump. So, yes. So this badger's meter upgrade is intended to upgrade our current system, which is a mobile read technology, which means the operator staff have to drive around with a transmitter that picks up readings. And that only happens three times a year with the billing cycle. And upgrading to the cellular auto read would allow the water quality supervisor to see the readings of each meter that are updated actually four times a day. It also gives us the help of each meter, so we'll know the day that a meter stops working or is about to freeze or is showing unusually high usage. This is particularly important to detect leaks because right now with our current system we don't know if there's a leak in the system basically until the next meter read. And we can't inform our customers that they're having a problem until potentially 3 or 4 months after the problems started. So, upgrading to the cellular read will help us detect pleats faster, which is going to save water. We have, right now, we can't see you are losing water. And we're also going to be able to figure out when we have other problems with the meter. For instance, the meter stops working, or it's broken, so we need to fix it.

- Norma

08:11 - 08:12

Yes.

- Star C

08:13 - 08:21

Yes, so these are some advantages that right now, um, you know, customers are surprised when they get a high water bill daily, what the health of the entire water system is, and this upgrade is only gonna require us to change out the sensor, not the meter. So what's nice is the village invested in meters a couple of years ago. Those meters are still viable. We can still use those. We'll just need to change the sensors to the cellular enabled, which, again, is also an advantage. A couple years ago, the village was looking at doing auto read technology. But the technology at the time required the village to purchase radio towers that they would have to install and maintain. Whereas now the technology exists, that allows us to just use a cellular tower so the village does not have to purchase or maintain additional infrastructure to have this auto read technology. Thomas, do you want to jump in?

- Thomas Haynes

09:29 - 09:30

I guess the other part, Allen, to answer your question so that as far as the leak detection, I guess, kind of, and we shared this on earlier last year. Here's the water produced at the water plant versus water that goes to the meter, and so all the water produced that doesn't go to the meters, is caused by system leaks. And so in addition to kind of help homeowners locate leaks within their own system, as small leaks develop each throughout the summer, we'll be able to identify those and reduce the amount of water we have to produce. A lot of times in the last year major leaks were started to comes up to the ground. The guys can see that, Hey, our water production increase, ... We know for sure if it is just people using more water because, or, actually, we have

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a leak in the system. ...Cellular system... Exactly, we have an issue out on the system spending additional time and try to hunt downward.

- Alan Heberling

10:44 - 10:47

Ok, and is there going to be surcharge that's going to be applied to every water users account to pay for the administration of this system?

- Norma

11:05 - 11:08

You want to respond to start with that Star? Some places used to do that, and we hadn't made that decision.

- Star C

11:12 - 11:13

Yes, so there, it would be essentially, what comes out to \$10 per meter per year, and some municipalities do put that \$10 charge on each meters, bill. Other municipalities carry that charge as part of the system costs, like annual service costs. So the village hasn't actually decided how they're going to handle that \$10 per meter annual charge, but it's not a large surcharge.

- Joe Chrisman

11:53 - 12:00

This is Joe Chrisman. I thought we did discuss that and we were going to cover the charge, not the residents. Correct me if I'm wrong.

- Star C

12:05 - 12:07

I don't believe that that's what was discussed. But I don't, I don't remember that as part of unless you guys discuss that after I got off the last meeting.

- Norma

12:14 - 12:24

No, we did talk about it, but I did not make a decision, but that's still out there to talk about, oh, I went up to Cape Vincent. They have this system, they've had it for a few years. So, they have to use the tower. And, uh, the new system that we're looking at, and they only have 505 meters, where we have over a thousand. They just can't say enough about how much more efficient this is every morning, they can look and see where there's any issue. It's very good for real estate people, they are looking for a bill at this a change in property. Within that four month period, you can bring that up. There's just a lot of features that are going to be extremely helpful. And,

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the leaks that happen that people don't realize and four months as a long time before they get discovered some times.

- Thomas Haynes

13:22 - 13:26

I guess I would also, there's a way that each owner can go on and sign on. And you can see some five columns, you can see all five of your account. And then, if you have questions, I'll be on the pull back and call, give you information at the water plant ok, when did the leak actually start.

- Norma

13:42 - 13:44

Good point, Tom, I'm glad you brought that up.

- Norma

13:47 - 13:48

Does it answer your questions?

- Allen Heberling

13:50 - 13:52

Yeah, just one last question. I notice, Water Fund the unassigned Water Fund almost has over \$600,000 if this system is put in place. Would that amount of unassigned fund balance be used to offset the surcharge would incur per year.

- Norma

14:17 - 14:18

That could be considered, sure. I think that we had figured it would save about 300 man hours a year to have this system rather than have them drive around and then every. Oh, four months have to go and find all these issues that have cropped up over the four month period, too, OK? Sure, is there anyone else out there that has any questions on the budget?

- Paul Luck

14:48 - 15:00

Norma, I just like to introduce a couple of things in my list of questions, I appreciate that you're going to get back to me at a later date, but just for the public record tonight, I just want to make a couple of comments. With respect to the budget assumption hitting on what Alan said, which was the Water Fund balance, which is going to be over \$600,000, if this meter project is approved, which is just about 100% of Fiscal year 2022 budgeted metered, needed, revenue. Now, we talked to, before, New, York City Lot Law allows the waterfront, to be transferred to the other side, stabilize and avoid tax increases, build a rainy day reserve, or, in this case,

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potentially reduce water billing. I believe that an appropriate balance for this reserve would be about 30% of annual billings, or above \$200,000, which, my calculation is about ... of surplus. It is very important. I think, for the funding was a nice blend of water. Rates be reduced. To prevent an undue burden on residents and business owners. So, I'm certainly interested in that one. And I also just want to point out that Article 5, 5 0 6, F, C, consolidated law. Village states of the villages are a requirement of the budget process, provider's schedule wages, and salaries by administrative units and for each officer positions. So I would hope that we would provide that as part of the budget process as we move through this. Finally, I think it's important that the village consider a long-term comprehensive capital plan to avoid exposure to significant unforeseen risk. We don't have one, and I'm hoping the Board is going to commit developing a comprehensive plan in FY 2022.

- Norma

17:01 - 17:02

Thank you, Paul. Is there anyone else? If not, could I have a motion to close the public hearing? Nancy Joe, Jeremy, somebody?

- Nancy

17:16 - 17:19

I'll make the motion to close the public hearing.

- Norma

17:19 - 17:22

Nancy, to close the public hearing, do I have a second?

- Jeremy Kellogg

17:24 - 17:24

I'll second it.

- Norma

17:27 - 17:31

Jeremy, OK, all in favor? Ok, thank you.

- Allen Heberling

17:39 - 17:39

Point of order. According to your agenda you were going to do an override amendment.

- Norma

17:44 - 17:48

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Yes. We're just closing the public hearing on this next thing we're gonna do.

- Allen Heberling

17:51 - 17:53

It's just the way it's presented in the agenda.

- Norma

17:58 - 18:01

So, the public hearing was closed at 5:47. Ok, Joanne, on the local law for the tax cap levy. You want to present that, please?

- Joanne

18:15 - 18:16

Ah, yes. That's the local law that we have every year to do the tax cap levy. Um, it is the intent of this local law to allow the ability to adapt the budget for the fiscal year commencing June first, 2021. That requires a real property tax levy access of the tax levy limit and by general municipal law. This local laws adopted subdivision five of General Municipal Law which personally advises and governing body to override the property for the coming year by adoption of local law approved, though of 60%. The Board of Trustees, Village Clayton, is hereby authorize to adopt the school year commencing June first, 2021 prior to real property tax levy, an excess of the amount, otherwise bribed in general municipal law.

- Norma

19:25 - 19:27

Ok, you're going to do a roll call, vote on that, please.

- Joanne

19:29 - 19:30

Mayor?

- Norma

19:30 - 19:31

Yes.

- Joanne

19:31 - 19:32

Trustee Hyde?

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- Nancy

19:33 - 19:34

Yes.

- Joanne

19:35 - 19:37

Trustee Chrisman?

- Joe Chrisman

19:37 - 19:38

No.

- Joanne

19:39 - 19:40

Trustee Kellogg.

- Jeremy Kellogg

19:40 - 19:41

Yes.

- Norma

19:49 - 19:49

Ok, moving right along here to the regular meeting. Is Lori Durand from the Koffee Kove on? Ok, Lori, do you want to present to the board what you would like to do down there? And the only thing that the board has jurisdiction over is the fence because it is going to be on the village right away. And that's the only thing we can approve or disapprove the rest of it has to be done with code enforcement. Normally, they do that first, and then send it to us, but for some reason, uh, Richard recommended that, she said to all the village board first. So, oh, Lori, do you wanna explain to the board what you're doing down there?

- Lori Durand

20:41 - 20:46

So, um, with this project, I have gained about three feet in the front of the restaurant. So it gives me a lot more walkable space. So, I'd like to delineate so that the people in the table today where the people at a table should stay, which would be within like seven feet of the building. That would give you an easy or extra 5.5 feet of walkable space and still give four foot for the lighting that we're not entirely clear what it's gonna look like yet. So I gave him forefoot from the curb. Well, for the curb not included, then a 4.4, the lighting fixture, however that may look, then 5.5 feet of wide open space for the walkability. Then I've I've asked for a railing, which would be a

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removable railing with sleeves in the concrete so that whole thing could be picked up and moved for any sort of repairs or anything maintenance that the village or national grid or anybody had to do and could be cleaned and all that kind of thing. And that pretty much just hoping that because last year one of my problems with first of all sidewalk was such a mess. That people move the tables because they were able to level them. And then they just moved them anyway and put them in in the walkway which I was trying to kinda to kind of get around. So I've got the approval from the state to do the heated sidewalks part. So we're good to that. So I'm hoping too kind of do a bit of a closure for the people, just with the railing system to keep the tables closer to the building the way they should be. And I've offered opening both from the north side, the south side, and then two on the east side, so that it's not, you know, a cattle structure. It's actually just more about, like, people can walk in and out. But where people from that are not customers, can walk by the end. I guess that's my best description. Is there any anything?

- Nancy

22:44 - 22:56

I hate to sound ignorant, but I'm I'm fairly confused as to what you're doing and where the village board plays a part in this.

- Lori Durand

22:57 - 23:00

Well, you're no more confused than me.

- Nancy

23:00 - 23:01

Yeah, pardon me?

- Nancy

23:02 - 23:06

I've been told everything from Go to a village board meeting to possibly have to go to Planning to. Nobody really knows what a clear plan is if you want to just do something like this. So I'm humping all way around and just putting it in front of you, because that's what Dicky said. And then he also said, I might have to go to the planning board, so I'm just putting it out there. So what it is, is I have 16 feet in front of the article now, where before I didn't have that distance. And before I had the chairs and tables out there and people would kind of pull them all around and then I'd have to every day, every so often go out and pull them back so that they weren't in the walk area. So that there is a clear five foot or more than five foot, but whatever it is. Walkability area. So the tables and chairs will be out there but the removable sense gate, whatever you wanna call it would keep them off the walkway. So it's four foot for the for the light, for the whatever kind of decorative light we have, 5.5 feet for walkability, seven feet for tables and chairs.

- Norma

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The board has been presented before where people want to put a fence up the lyric and bella's because at the right away right away that's the only thing that we have to approve is the ability to put the grants up. If it's ok with Village, and we have given permission before, for other people to do that. Then, it'll have to go...Richard's the one who told me to have her come here first. So, they can massage this thing and do what they want. But, it makes their decision that they don't have to come back to us.

- Joe Chrisman

24:44 - 24:45

This is Joe Chrisman. I thought this was discussed last year, or the year before about bella's, and the Koffee Kove, not the Koffee Kove, but the lyric about fences being in the D O T right of way.

- Lori Durand

25:04 - 25:08

It was what the problem was, Either one of them have 5' of walkability.

- Joe Chrisman

25:11 - 25:17

I guess that's my biggest concern, as long as it's not in that d.o.t. Right away. That's my only concern.

- Lori Durand

25:22 - 25:30

I would suppose that it is in the DOT, right away, being removeable. That would be easy, enough, we got to do is pick it up and they need to do something.

- Norma

25:43 - 25:45

That's the key right there.

- Lori Durand

25:46 - 25:48

Yeah, well, we've got 5.5.

- Joe Chrisman

25:51 - 25:55

Well, we got to figure out what DOT considers their right away?

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- Norma

25:57 - 25:59

The ... is fine with DOT.

- Joe Chrisman

26:01 - 26:11

Ok, so we have to make sure we present that to the other vendors, therein, on the sidewalks in Clayton.

- Norma

26:11 - 26:13

Right. If they want to, they could do the same thing. If they've got enough space to have to maintain the five slot and I think since this COVID epidemic more people want to eat outside, people are trying to re-invent how they can stay alive and be in business. And I think more and more people are going to try and get outside eating.

- Joe Chrisman

26:35 - 26:37

Oh, I'm all for that. Outside eating as fantastic, as long as we don't encroach on those right of ways. I think I'm fine with it.

- Norma

26:47 - 26:50

Does anyone else on the board have any questions?

- Nancy

26:51 - 26:57

Well, I don't have any specific questions, but I'm not, I need to go speak with. Look at the property more and speak with zoning. Because I'm concerned, my concern is doing it for one, or we're going to have this all the way down the street.

- Norma

27:09 - 27:12

We've already done it for two other ones.

- Nancy

27:13 - 27:13

Right? But I've been told all along that those two are not coming back when the new project.

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- Norma

27:18 - 27:19

Well, I don't know.

- Nancy

27:20 - 27:25

Well, I've been told that a number of times from people, from boards and D O T. So, I.

- Norma

27:27 - 27:28

Well, if they haven't got five foot of sidewalk. They can't. If they've got 5.5 foot, a sidewalk.

- Lori Durand

27:40 - 27:42

I'm happy to walk it with anybody or measure it. I mean it's been measured a million times and Kyle Barton has laid out the sidewalk as far as the heating and all that. So the numbers are right.

- Jeremy Kellogg

27:54 - 27:56

I'd be glad to look at it with you Lori.

- Lori Durand

27:58 - 28:00

Lori, it is to scale. The, the thing that I gave you is to scale. It's an foot per square. So, know, you're welcome. You walked with a tape measure down there and do it, but it's it is to scale.

- Norma

28:19 - 28:21

So, you don't want to make a decision. You want to go down, and talk Lori to see the layout, then we'll bring it up to the next board meeting.

- Norma

28:30 - 28:39

Sure, your guys, because we got the sidewalk report, mid june, and I still have to If If you're disallow it, it's an entire redesign project.

- Joe Chrisman

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I can be down there tomorrow, Lori.

- Lori Durand

28:43 - 28:46

I can, I can have it for you anytime you'd like.

- Norma

28:47 - 28:51

All right, go down at the same time.

- Lori Durand

28:52 - 28:53

When's your next meeting. That's my only problem.

- Norma

28:55 - 28:58

Oh the 26th of April.

- Lori Durand

29:00 - 29:02

Just just that were cutting it close. As far as making a plan, I've got you know, stuff that's gotta be built whatever. I'm probably won't even have the actual panel made. You know, I can't have a made until I get your approval.

- Norma

29:17 - 29:22

Correct. Would the board be willing to make a decision tonight to do it pending an investigation by the three board members that questioned it and if you have any issues with it, then we'll have to pull it back but at least we haven't got to wait two weeks? So, Lori can have get a plan to go there.

- Lori Durand

29:40 - 29:41

That's fine with me.

- Norma

29:43 - 29:44

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I that OK, with Jeremy and Joe?

- Joe Chrisman

29:45 - 29:47

That's something we haven't worked through, yet.

- Jeremy Kellogg

29:49 - 29:56

But, you know, as long as she maintains that right away for people for pedestrians, I'm good with it.

- Norma

30:00 - 30:02

Ok, so, we've got the 5.5 foot. And Nancy was gone over and Joe or Jeremy might go take a look at it. Walk through with it, with Lori. If you have any issues. Send an e-mail. And we'll have to start over again. Otherwise, we'll leave it that. It's been approved and she can move forward. So, we'll try to wrap it up in the next couple of days.

- Lori Durand

30:29 - 30:38

I've got a meeting in Oswego at two, So, I'll be leave at 12 30, but I anything before 12 30 or after, like, four, I'm, I'm good tomorrow.

- Joe Chrisman

30:39 - 30:47

Is nine o'clock tomorrow morning, OK, with everybody?

- Lori Durand

30:47 - 30:48

That's Duckie, sounds like a play

- Norma

30:48 - 30:50

I won't.

- Nancy

30:50 - 30:50

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I can't I, will not be there. I have to work. So, I'll have to look at my schedule.

- Norma

30:54 - 30:56

Ok, well, you're right, close by, Nancy. So, you're going to go over one at ...

- Lori Durand

31:01 - 31:03

Yeah, anytime before 12 30 is good.

- Norma

31:05 - 31:07

Ok, will, that worked for everybody.

- Jeremy Kellogg

31:08 - 31:09

Yes.

- Norma

31:09 - 31:10

Ok, thank you very much. Thank you, Lori. Ok, the next on the agenda is the police report, so if anyone has any questions on that? Didn't anybody look at that design that was in your package for the meeting? From Lori?

- Jeremy Kellogg

31:34 - 31:34

I did.

- Norma

31:36 - 31:36

Yes, I did.

- Nancy

31:37 - 31:45

I did, but it wasn't very clear and all of a sudden, you come to the meeting and say, hey, look at my drawings. You gotta make a decision, and you guys are cutting it close. We're not cutting it close. People had a good month or two to bring it to us, and I'm just very concerned about. What other businesses will want to do.

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- Norma

31:59 - 32:02

Oh, I'm sure there's going to be other people that are . Want to try to make a living down there enough outside. Does it just going to.

- Nancy

32:09 - 32:13

Well, then you're just going to have sidewalks filled with tables, Whatever.

- Norma

32:14 - 32:20

Ok, on the police report, does anybody have any questions, or anything they want me to take to Kevin? Ok, Terry, are you on the phone here someplace?

- Terry Jones

32:29 - 32:30

I am here everyone.

- Norma

32:31 - 32:32

Ok, Terry. You're on.

- Terry Jones

32:32 - 32:33

You all. You all have a copy of the activity report. As you can see, we've been quite busy last few weeks since our last board meeting. I've even got some picture pages on there for you to, you can kinda see what we've been up to. Um, I just wanted to bring to the attention to exceed It's on the agenda. The board approval for the Spring Pickup ad. Um, that's May third, as we usually do it, except last year, because of the code. That one thing I added to that, this year, that's different. I believe it's no mattresses, or Box springs any longer, because they're considered recyclable, and they cost \$10 to get rid of, So, they're no longer acceptable, and if they go out to the street, we will not be picking them up. So, I just want everyone to know that, in advance. Other than that, it's typical, no tires, no construction, debris, no glass. Other than that, household goods and all electronics, it gets tricky over over the years, the way things are handled, but, you know, this is what we have to do. Um, so I guess just then I got with Joanne last week we got a plan together for the for the ad for the TI Sun, and I'm not sure if she's forwarded that to you or not. But as we do it every year, we will get it two weeks in advance, so that everybody is on board. As you can see, everybody else has already put brush out. We've made a couple of runs, and we've probably, we'll make some more runs around to try to keep up on top of things. So it doesn't swamp us all at once. The town of clayton of course, will always help, but they will be

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helping with the club. They usually do that. Also, a good part of it in the village, does the brush pickup part of it. So again, thank you to the town for.

- Norma

34:30 - 34:31

Yeah, that's a great help. It's a 6 o'clock start, right?

- Terry Jones

34:34 - 34:36

Pardon, Norma, I didn't.

- Norma

34:36 - 34:44

Six o'clock is the start time, and they only make one pass on the street so that you better put it up the night before, I get up real early.

- Terry Jones

34:45 - 34:45

That's correct. Also, I wanted to the board to know and I think I've sent an e-mail out, but just that John Farmer does have his date where you will be going in for back surgery and that's April 27th. He's expected to miss 6 to 10 weeks of work, depending on his rehab and how he heals. So, we'll be Shorthanded by one guy, but we'll see what we can do to we've done it before, we can get through it and get through the summer and get him back on His feet. And he'll be better than better than new.

- Norma

35:21 - 35:23

I hope so, he's really struggling right now. I saw him the other day. It's tough for him to get around.

- Terry Jones

35:30 - 35:32

He is one tough guy, I'll tell you.

- Norma

35:32 - 35:33

Yes! Terry We've talked quite a bit about the roof for the rotary bathrooms. Somebody, do you think that the time has come, that we should put the fence up, that you suggested, Like, maybe the rest of the board is not aware of what we have? But it's what we use when we have a cruise

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ship in. And rather than try to keep that yellow tape, on, that gets ripped off. I mean, we've got an eyesore across the street. I just don't want the village bathroom still look really bad, or for someone to get her. So do you think we should put that fence up until we can work, just struggling to find somebody that can do this job or wants to do it?

- Terry Jones

36:16 - 36:21

I think and I am all for putting that fence up and I don't think it will be at an eyesore. I mean we'll start it up. Make it look as neat as possible sure. Without. Obstructing the whole removals and the like host and that's where. I think we. Can keep it pretty tight to the stairway, where you really won't even notice it And I think it's a good idea to do. Just because that yellow tape is kinda.

- Norma

36:40 - 36:45

Do you think we should take those benches down and put it on the cart before ...? I know there are some people that are attached to those benches.

- Terry Jones

36:50 - 36:51

Yes, we.

- Norma

36:51 - 36:54

Could move those down that would accommodate the Rotary I guess. And then we'll just keep hammering away at the suppliers and see if we can get a new roof on there.

- Terry Jones

37:01 - 37:02

Yeah. I. Did. I did speak with Bud Baril about the papers that are on top. And he had a good idea as maybe put them across on the green area, over I would be on the west side towards the ..., and put them there, and maybe put a couple of picnic tables on there, because there's really no dining area down in that area. It's just benches to go down there and eat ice cream, and have lunch and subs and whatnot. So I thought it was a really good idea.

- Norma

37:32 - 37:32

That might work.

- Terry Jones

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37:33 - 37:43

And also, I spoke with one of the contractors that I invited down to look at that roof, and I think, maybe, And he is, I think you might be Right. Really. We got people on that rules, and we really don't know what's going on underneath, maybe we should get an engineer to take a look at this, so that we're doing everything the right way. Um, and obviously, everybody's so busy Norma, I'm sure we're not gonna get it done this summer anyway. With. Especially with the Building materials are being so expensive right now with Canada being shut down. Maybe it's a good idea if we step back and maybe have somebody engineer this and then everybody is bidding on the same thing.

- Norma

38:21 - 38:22

Right.

- Terry Jones

38:23 - 38:25

I think it's a good idea. I don't know what the board thinks about it, but when you got people involved and you know how many people can be up there on the fourth of July? I'd hate to see somebody up there.

- Norma

38:33 - 38:34

Absolutely.

- Terry Jones

38:34 - 38:35

Something happen. So I think it's a good idea and maybe that's one reason why we're not getting the takers other than they're all busy.

- Norma

38:44 - 38:44

Ok. So, let's put the fence up, get the benches down, and keep working on trying to find somebody that can do it and have some engineer take a look at it. And, Who could we will think about that? We might get a pro bono deal here someplace?

- Terry Jones

39:01 - 39:02

Ok..

- Norma

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39:02 - 39:02

I mean, I don't know. I mean, how this was ever designed it was a rotary project. Mostly in grant money. And I don't even know if it's designed to have, was designed to have a viewing deck. But by the time you put all those papers up there, which they did later on, I don't know if you've got the capacity for people to be up there.

- Terry Jones

39:25 - 39:25

Right. That's always the way of people up on there. It's just it's hard to say. It's up, but you know. It's almost 20 years old.

- Norma

39:35 - 39:36

Right.

- Terry Jones

39:37 - 39:38

We don't know what's going on. Obviously, there's something going on at the railings loose. There's something going along the perimeter of the plywood. So, I guess, we need to pop up a couple of those which we're gonna do today but it rained just to see what's going on. Along the railroad. At least that will give us some sort of an idea.

- Norma

39:54 - 39:55

Ok, So let's get this. Thing button up, you're. Gonna put the fence up, so that'll say the safety issue has taken care of?

- Terry Jones

40:01 - 40:02

Yes.

- Norma

40:02 - 40:03

Ok, that's great, Terry. Thank you.

- Terry Jones

40:04 - 40:05

Yup, you're welcome.

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- Norma

40:05 - 40:08

Does anyone have any questions for Terry?

- Jeremy Kellogg

40:12 - 40:14

Terry, I'd like to look at that with you, if I could. Please.

- Terry Jones

40:15 - 40:15

Sure. Absolutely appreciate it.

- Jeremy Kellogg

40:18 - 40:23

I'd like to look at the the the riverwalk near the monument, where it's all came down to.

- Terry Jones

40:24 - 40:24

Ok.

- Jeremy Kellogg

40:26 - 40:26

Thank you.

- Norma

40:27 - 40:28

We're getting closer, I think. Jeremy on that.

- Jeremy Kellogg

40:33 - 40:45

Yeah, you still get my Suggestion would be to secure a contractor because these contractors are now here's how I want to secure a contractor to secure the financing and get that fixed, because it looks like Clayton got punched in the face. We need to, we need to belong a little bit faster or we're going to be last.

- Terry Jones

40:52 - 40:54

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Yeah, and I agree, Jeremy. And again, I'm at the, I'm at the mercy of FEMA and you know, this whole this would have probably been done had we not had this pandemic. We can't meet in person. They can come down here and look at it. I'm constantly on the phone with them. It's just getting approvals is just crazy.

- Jeremy Kellogg

41:15 - 41:21

I'm sorry I'll turn on and on alternate method finance bill. We don't be reimbursed or whatever you insecurely contractor and get this on.

- Terry Jones

41:27 - 41:27

I agree with you.

- Norma

41:30 - 41:34

We can't spend the money and get reimbursed until it's been approved.

- Terry Jones

41:36 - 41:36

That's. Pretty much hang up.

- Norma

41:38 - 41:45

And every time Terry, it gives them the ...of stuff somebody new to me and says, Oh, that is a lot. I want this. And he's been diligent about this, and. So if we can just get the FEMA piece together work and move forward.

- Terry Jones

41:58 - 42:01

I have handed them stuff at least 3 and 4 times. It's just, there's been so many hands in the fire. I've had so many different people involved as far as the FEMA managers. You know, they're out from here, it's just think it's hard for them to understand, I guess what we dealt with, or what we have here. And you know, I'm upset about it, and I know John Condino whose company Barton & Loguidce, have done the engineering on it, that we're ready. We're ready to go. Oh, it's not us. It's definitely not the village and it's definitely not be, you know, it's female waiting for these approvals and it's it's it's it's keeping keeps me awake at night believe me.

- Terry Jones

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43:10 - 43:10

Hello.

- Joanne

43:11 - 43:12

I think we lost Norma.

- Terry Jones

43:13 - 43:14

Oh.

- Norma

43:14 - 43:16

Well, I'm turning my mic off. I forgot to turn it on. Thomas, do you want to bring us up to date on anything new and different at the wastewater treatment plant? Did Thomas leave us.

- Thomas Haynes

43:31 - 43:33

No, I'm having the same problem of trying to unmute myself? Good Evening, folks, Thank you for having me. First of many meetings to come at the plant, be my third week, and slowly transitioning over everything from star working with Joanne and Alicia. As far as the guys, the summer residents to return, we found a number of walking around, responding diligently to those. Obviously, the warmer why they're coming, they're going to start. In the next couple of weeks we'll be going out starting the hydrant inspections, as well as manhole inspections we're trying to get done. And also, with ... and getting ready for the upcoming project.

- Norma

44:19 - 44:23

I talked to Matt Cooper today, He's the one. This, the REDI grant for the ... for the pump station and Riverside Drive, and they're going to put it out to bid on Friday.

- Thomas Haynes

44:34 - 44:37

We had a conversation earlier today, and that's what it was.

- Norma

44:38 - 44:45

Yeah, and he's gotta think around the 14th of May that we open the bids he didn't have an exact date. But by the end of this week, they'll have the bid, so and the date for when they would be

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opened and they would like to do it in person here and Clayton, and I Don't see any reason why we can't do that. Hope we get some people to bid on it. They send it out to a lot. He thought they would have all 4 or 5 solid bids. Hopefully.

- Thomas Haynes

45:12 - 45:25

I know, I'm, I would agree that we've seen ..., a couple, other projects, you know, really competitive bids coming in lot more than we usually see, which is good for the village. Some of them even, and so I'm hopeful I think it's a good time to get this out.

- Norma

45:31 - 45:32

Oh, good. Good. Ok, does anyone have any questions for Thomas? Thanks a lot, Star and Thomas, for keeping the sewer plant moving with the good operators. Moving on to the consent agenda, does anyone have any questions on items log 2, 3, and four? If not, can we have a motion to approve the consent agenda, items, 1 through 4.

- Nancy

46:06 - 46:07

I'll make that motion.

- Norma

46:07 - 46:09

Nancy, and do we have a second? Jeremy, Joe, somebody second.

- Joe Chrisman

46:17 - 46:20

I'll second it.

- Norma

46:23 - 46:24

Ok, we've got a second. All in favor? Anyone opposed? On the capital projects. Do we have any questions? If not, can we have a motion to approve item five for the capital projects?

- Nancy

46:39 - 46:40

I'll make that motion.

- Norma

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46:40 - 46:41

Thank you Nancy, do I have a second?

- Joe Chrisman

46:44 - 46:45

I'll second it.

- Norma

46:46 - 46:47

Thank you, Joe. All in favor?

- Jeremy Kellogg

46:50 - 46:51

Aye.

- Norma

46:51 - 46:53

Anyone opposed? Ok, Alicia, are you going to bring up this handbook, or do you want Joanne, do you want me to do it?

- Alicia Dewey

47:06 - 47:07

I can. You've received the material several times, now. I sent it out again on Friday, so everyone had one last chance to look at the document, and the small changes that resulted as a after effect of the comments that we received from the department head to review. So I don't know if anybody has any specific questions that the policy Committee can address, but we're looking to get this adopted and in place.

- Norma

47:43 - 48:00

I'd like everybody to know that we've worked on this pretty hard for nine different sessions on 8 30 Friday mornings since last November, and this is a great project to have behind us because, our handbook was way outdated. So, I appreciate everybody taking a look at it once we got the draft done, and they had comments on it, so that we can move this forward and get it done. Joanne, do you want to present the resolution?

- Joanne

48:42 - 48:43

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Yes. Hold on a second. Ok, the title of the resolution is, Acknowledging Updates to the Village, Clayton Employee Handbook. Where is the Village Policy Committee Review of the Draft Revised Employee Handbook provided by the consultant and whereas the Villages Department, Heads and Trustees had an opportunity to review and direct the draft, revised employee handbook and to offer comments. And whereas the Village Policy Committee, the committee reviewed, the comments that were received and propose additional solicitations were deemed appropriate. Whereas the Village Board has reviewed the proposed changes to the current employee handbook. And now, there be it resolved that the village. Board. Of Trustees for the Village of Clayton, based upon the review and recommendation of the Village Policy committee hereby adopts the revised employee handbook shows exhibit an indirect. ...effective immediately. Was offered by Trustee.

- Nancy

49:57 - 49:58
Trustee Hyde.

- Joanne

49:58 - 49:59
Thank you.

- Joanne

50:01 - 50:09
And seconded by Trustee... I need a second.

- Joe Chrisman

50:14 - 50:15
I'll second it.

- Joanne

50:17 - 50:18
Thank you.

- Joanne

50:20 - 50:28
Ok, and upon roll call vote of the board was duly adapted as follows Norma Zimmer, mayor.

- Norma

50:28 - 50:29
Yes, Yes.

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- Joanne

50:30 - 50:31

Nancy Hyde, Deputy Mayor.

- Nancy

50:31 - 50:32

Yes.

- Joanne

50:33 - 50:35

Jeremy Kellogg Trustee?

- Jeremy Kellogg

50:35 - 50:36

Yes.

- Joanne

50:37 - 50:38

Joseph Christman, Trustee.

- Joe Chrisman

50:39 - 50:40

Yes.

- Joanne

50:42 - 50:43

Thank you.

- Norma

50:44 - 50:45

Thank you, Joanne. Ok, we've had a few things happened the past couple of weeks before covid of probation department used to come down here and have a report station. And they utilize the courtroom, and they would like to come back and start doing this again. They would be here the first and third Wednesday of every month from 1 30 until 6. They normally have gone to the village office and got a key to get in. And then I'm not sure. Jamie had two different stories on what's happened. She then think that they turn the key back. He said he doesn't happen, so they'd like to use a courtroom. Those two nights, I checked with Terry. And being, on Tuesday night is the regular DA Court, so they would be coming in on Wednesday and they'd have to sanitize

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anyway for that, So he's on board with doing that. Joanne, I talked to her about it, and Jamie, court clerk. So, um, does anyone have any issue with them coming back Clayton to do that? Making this Report Station open again.

- Joe Chrisman

52:13 - 52:14

No, not at all.

- Norma

52:14 - 52:19

No, I think, oh, I don't know, I think they've been doing it virtually, or, I don't know. But they would really like to get back on track. So should we start? With the third Wednesday of this month, tell me I could start. Would that work for everybody?

- Joe Chrisman

52:35 - 52:38

Absolutely long as it doesn't conflict with anything we have.

- Norma

52:39 - 52:40

It's actually in the courtroom. And Jamie, the court clerk. She's fine. This is the same schedule they had when they were doing it pre-covid. So if it's OK with the board, I'll give them a call tomorrow until they can start coming, OK? Thank you. OK. What else we got? The historic project, they came back to this worked mostly here on James Street. I noticed today they might taking the wires down. Westelcom was a little behind getting their conversion done, So that's why the poles... Well, I'm working on it today, so I think in a couple weeks, that portion of it, I'll be done. And the Luck Brothers, I don't think they worked this afternoon. Maybe it was too rainy. The most of their work right now who's here on James to tie in the sanitary laterals and the sewer line? They're hoping to be out of here, the fourth of July. So that's good. Oh, I've got a lot of letters here, Trustees Badour, he left it to village, office, and he addressed it to me and to the Board to tell us that as of April seven, he was moving from 412, Mary Street outside the village. And due to the village regulations, he could no longer legally serve as a trustee. So he's resigning as of April 7, 2021. And he appreciated the opportunity to be on the board. He felt it was a privilege and an honor. And if we have any questions or anything here, he would be willing to roll, call on anything that's happened, prior, while he was around and you'd like to discuss it with him. He'd like to stay in touch with everybody felt bad. But there was an opportunity for them to move outside the village of the solar cells within nine, or so. He didn't have a lot of time to make up his mind to do something different. So I appreciate the service set, the stage for the village board, and bill, wish them well, and happiness in this new home. So that takes care of, that. Oh, clayton local development had a meeting last week, they just had their annual audit done. And it was fine, I mean, they just don't have a lot it's mostly on the Grants their Auditing and the million dollar grant, of course, is still open, this guard of this historic project. But they had no

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non compliance and everything was an order up there. So that was good call the Chamber of Commerce. They're going to do the vintage snowmobile show this Saturday. Down at the hotel. They had changed it from last March. Because of the covid restrictions. They're hoping that they'll get a turnout. Oh, down there this Saturday. And we'll see what happens. I don't know, everybody's ... And we want to remind you that Saturday, is also the blood drive at the municipal building, at 10 o'clock, 10 until 3, I believe. So, that will take care. Does anyone on the board have anything they want to share?

- Joe Chrisman

56:30 - 56:43

This is Joe Crisman, um, so Stevie stepping down, opens it up for anybody that wants to run for village board, correct? And there'll be elections this November?

- Norma

56:48 - 56:49

Yes. They'd have to run in November. We can appoint somebody between now and November.

- Norma

56:55 - 56:55

Right. But anybody that wants to step up, to run, they can.

- Norma

57:00 - 57:01

Yeah. Yeah, I think, oh, I don't know if they can still go get on the I think the petitions were for the primary

- Joe Chrisman

57:16 - 57:18

Correct, no longer exists within 75. Exceed 75 days. Then anybody can run, and I'm just putting that out there, for anybody that does wanna be on the village board. Number two is, I think that we should start having public meetings in person. One, when we go into executive session, there's no way to come back to a public meeting, Which is, by law, we're supposed to do, to close the regular meeting. So I think by coming back into public meetings, and there's plenty of room down there at village office to do this. That's just my recommendation.

- Norma

58:05 - 58:12

Ok, thank you, Joe we'll have to take that into consideration, and see what the rules are, and what we can do. I think we're starting to be more comfortable. We're going to have probation come. We're getting there. Anybody else on the board?

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- Jeremy Kellogg

58:28 - 58:30

Does everybody on the board have their shot?

- Norma

58:31 - 58:35

I've got two, I'm good to go.

- Joe Chrisman

58:36 - 58:40

Not everybody on the board is required to have a shot if you had covid. So, I know I had coded, so I don't get the shot, yet.

- Norma

58:52 - 58:56

I think it's something we've got to take into consideration, I guess, in my mind. I was thinking that's certainly by the first of June, when we start, no budget, no everything's, dark, fresh, and see what we gotta do, see what the rules are at that time. And, get back to normal, would be great.

- Joe Chrisman

59:13 - 59:19

Well, plus, is it even legal to ask people if they've had shots? You've got a lookout for a HIPAA violation. So, you gotta make sure you can or can't ask.

- Norma

59:31 - 59:32

Anyone else?

- Jeremy Kellogg

59:33 - 59:34

Let's pretend I didn't ask.

- Norma

59:38 - 59:39

Ok.

- Jeremy Kellogg

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59:49 - 59:50

I keep losing this meeting.

- Norma

59:52 - 59:54

I'm losing your Jeremy.

- Norma

59:56 - 59:58

Is there anyone else in the public that's got any questions? That's left on the line. If not, I'd ask you to please hang up because we gotta have a real quick executive session.

- Alicia Dewey

01:00:18 - 01:00:20

Norma, are you going to state for purpose for the executive session.

- Norma

01:00:21 - 01:00:25

Yes, it was on the agenda of the boundary point.

- Alicia Dewey

01:00:28 - 01:00:29

Are you going to do a motion and second to go in.

- Norma

01:00:32 - 01:00:33

I'm waiting for one.

- Alicia Dewey

01:00:34 - 01:00:34

Ok.

- Nancy

01:00:36 - 01:00:38

I'll make the motion for executive session.

- Norma

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01:00:39 - 01:00:40

Thank you, Nancy, do I have a second?

- Jeremy Kellogg

01:00:42 - 01:00:43

I'll second it.

- Norma

01:00:43 - 01:00:43

Thank you.

- Unknown

01:00:44 - 01:00:46

This conference will now be recorded.

- Norma

01:00:50 - 01:00:51

Did Alicia come back on?

- Alicia Dewey

01:00:54 - 01:00:57

I did, you have to record your open meetings?

- Norma

01:00:58 - 01:01:02

Correct, and I didn't know if you were still there, sir, yeah, because I wasn't going to open it back up.

- Alicia Dewey

01:01:02 - 01:01:03

No, you got it.

- Norma

01:01:06 - 01:01:12

So, Joe, do you want to bring up that issue again now that we're back in to?

- Joe Chrisman

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01:01:13 - 01:01:19

Well, now, we're back at public meeting, and everybody already hung up is my point. So it's kinda hard to do come back to a public meeting when there's no public back.

- Norma

01:01:26 - 01:01:48

Ok, so it's in the minutes.

- Norma

01:01:48 - 01:01:51

This is why I'm requesting to go back in person to have our meetings instead of the way we're doing it now because everything is opening back up and everybody's taking precautions and they know what to do now with all the covid.

- Norma

01:01:51 - 01:01:52

Ok, thank you, Joe. Does somebody want to make a motion to close the regular meeting?

- Norma

01:01:59 - 01:01:59

I'll make a. Motion to. Close.

- Nancy

01:02:00 - 01:02:00

Ok. Thank you Nancy. Do we have a second?

- Joe Chrisman

01:02:05 - 01:02:05

One more thing. I am so sorry. I am full of questions tonight. And I apologize. Did we get any applications in for the position at the Village office?

- Norma

01:02:18 - 01:02:18

Yes. It's open until the 15th of April to accept I think we have seven.

- Norma

01:02:27 - 01:02:27

Oh, all right.

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- Norma

01:02:28 - 01:02:29

Thank you very much. We all set now? Did we get a second to close the meeting?

- Joe Chrisman

01:02:39 - 01:02:40

I'll second it.

- Norma

01:02:40 - 01:02:41

Ok, thank you, Joe. Thank you, everybody. We've got some work to do to get past ..., but we can do that.