

July 20, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE SANITARY SEWER ORDINANCE RATE CHANGES:

The Public Hearing for the Sanitary Sewer Ordinance Amendment was called to Order by President Cory St. Mary. Present were Jay Baumhardt, Kevin Goebel, Joe Preston, Owen Gellings, Ed Costello, Todd Gitter, Kari Schlefke, Andrea Abler, Rick Varrisco, Leo Kucek from Applied Technologies, and Mark Stanek from the WI DNR.

Applied Technologies explained to those present again why there is a need to update our current sanitary sewer plant. Due to the age and condition of the plant we are operating above the design capacity limits and with the new DNR phosphorus limits it is recommended to update our current sewer plant. Some of the upgrades include a new headworks building, modifications to our current existing aeration basin and trickling filter removal. They will also put in a new final clarifier with cover. The proposed site plan budget would be \$3, 970,000.00. Applying for the principal forgiveness grant we could receive \$1,755,000.00 to bring the total cost to \$2,215,000.00. To help fund the remaining cost of the project we would need to apply for a loan from the State of Wisconsin. To pay for this loan we would have to raise our current sewer rates roughly 40%. The proposed time schedule for this project to be complete is May 2023.

The attached Proposed Sanitary Sewer Rate Ordinance to take effect October 1st, 2021:

Residential \$240.00 per quarter per residence
Mercantile to \$330.00 per quarter per business
 (less than 10 employees)
Light Commercial to \$450.00 per quarter
 (greater than 10 employees)
Heavy Commercial to \$1245.00 per quarter
 (greater than 10 employees and/ or great water use)
Students/Teachers to \$15.00 per student per quarter

Those present understood the need for the plant upgrades and sewer ordinance rate increase.

A motion was made by Shea Stahl and seconded by Joe Preston to adjourn the Public Hearing.
Motion Carried.