**Dec 11, 2024**

**Village of White City**

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order: 7:00 pm Dec 11, 2024 Meeting was called to order by Village President Karen Clarke.**

**Pledge of Allegiance:**  Led by Village President Karen Clarke.

**Roll Call:**  Jim Cozart present, Kevin Shaw present, Brenda Subick present, Scott Van Loo present, Karen Clarke present, Beth Greer absent, Roger Van Loo present

**Public Comments:** None

**Guests**: **Doug Ratermann-2025 MFT**.

Doug referred to MFT resolution #448 for fiscal year 2025. It is comparable to 2024 MFT resolution.

He stated that the patch and aggregate amounts can be switched within the MFT based on needs.

He kept the amounts the same to stay below the $9,000 annual amount threshold by IDOT.

2025 MFT resolution #448 for Village of White City was reviewed and approved. Kevin Shaw made motion to approve with 2nd by Brenda Subick. Roll Call: Jim Cozart (yes), Kevin Shaw (yes), Brenda Subick (yes), Scott Van Loo (yes), Karen Clarke (yes). Motion approved.

**Kevin Tepen-2023/24 VWC Financial Audit**

Kevin reported that MFT expenses were higher than previous years. Trustees, president, and clerk all responded that we had road work done at end of 2023.

Kevin referred to page 10 of audit-Sewer and Water operating incomes are losses due to higher accumulated depreciation and higher operating expenses for both. The net position for both is still good, but you may have to generate more revenue in future to compensate for the higher costs. Trustees mentioned we did just raise the sewer rates.

He reported that board should be happy overall with the finance status.

2023/2024 financial audit for Village of White City was reviewed and approved. Brenda Subick made motion to approve with 2nd by Kevin Shaw. Roll Call: Jim Cozart (yes), Kevin Shaw (yes), Brenda Subick (yes), Scott Van Loo (yes), Karen Clarke (yes). Motion approved.

**Approval of Nov 13, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes**

Accept Minutes/Roll Call: Motion to accept Nov 13, 2024, Meeting Minutes made by Brenda Subick, 2nd Kevin Shaw. Roll Call: Jim Cozart (yes), Kevin Shaw (yes), Brenda Subick (yes), Scott Van Loo (yes), Karen Clarke (yes). Motion approved.

**Committee Reports:**

* **Sewer** –Lift station #1 pump 1 is not pumping. The Pump Shop pulled pump, replaced capacitator, cleaned pump and put pump back in. Lift station #1 lid also needs to be replaced. Sewer technician met with sales manager of The Pump Shop about a maintenance plan.

He also met with White Sanitation about maintenance plan. They provided an annual maintenance plan that would cover the three most used lift stations. They would provide pumping at a price per load. If any lift station exceeded a load than it would be double and so on. They would also power wash the lift stations while pumping. This will be added to the January meeting agenda.

* **Water** – Water technician stated that UPS generator warning was flashing at Pump station. Lebanon Seibert Electric reset the code and warning light went out. They stated stator needed to be replaced. They stated this could be two weeks or more while waiting for stator. They suggested we rent a generator from them while repairs are made. They also stated that labor and travel would be added to rental. Stator will have a warranty period. Board trustees suggested that new generator may be more frugal depending on length of time for rental. Board trustees stated that village president could make executive decision on generator repair or purchase after getting bids.

Meter reader asked if we should continue practice of putting locks on meters after all turn offs. After conversation, meter reader will lock meters. A trustee can get locks and will provide some.

Water works support entity also provided a possible solution to manual meter readings. Core & Main representative changed a table field for serial numbers in Water Works billing system. New meters have serial numbers with 9 characters or digits as opposed to older meters with 8 characters or digits.

* **Finance** – Nothing to report.
* **Ordinances** – Nothing to report.
* **Streets** –The village has received the rock salt.
* **Building/Grounds/Utilities –** Maintenance person got the village truck and village car repaired at Quality motors.

Maintenance person also repaired the screen door at village hall.

DC Waste provided village with new dumpster that has lock bars. We no longer have to use chains to lock the lids on dumpster.

**Treasurer’s Report**

* **Approval of bills –** Reviewed Bills (Dec 2024).

Brenda Subick made a motion to approve Dec 2024 bills with 2nd by Kevin Shaw. Roll Call: Jim Cozart (yes), Kevin Shaw (yes), Brenda Subick (yes), Scott Van Loo (yes), Karen Clarke (yes). Motion approved.

**Approval of Balance Sheet** –Reviewed Village of White City Balance Sheet ending as of November 30st, 2024. Motion to approve made by Brenda Subick with 2nd by Scott Van Loo. Roll Call: Jim Cozart (yes), Kevin Shaw (yes), Brenda Subick (yes), Scott Van Loo (yes), Karen Clarke (yes). Motion approved.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Board discussed and approved 2025 MFT resolution #448 after hearing from guest Doug Ratermann.

Board discussed and approved 2023/24 financial audit after hearing from guest Kevin Tepen.

Board discussed Village of White City board meeting schedule ordinance #449. Motion to approve ordinance #449 made by Kevin Shaw with 2nd by Scott Van Loo. Roll Call: Jim Cozart (yes), Kevin Shaw (yes), Brenda Subick (yes), Scott Van Loo (yes), Karen Clarke (yes). Motion approved.

Board discussed Village of White City 2025 holiday schedule ordinance #450. Motion to approve ordinance #450 made by Scott Van Loo with 2nd by Kevin Shaw. Roll Call: Jim Cozart (yes), Kevin Shaw (yes), Brenda Subick (yes), Scott Van Loo (yes), Karen Clarke (yes). Motion approved.

Board discussed Village of White City 2024 tax levy ordinance #451. Motion to approve ordinance #451 made by Brenda Subick with 2nd by Kevin Shaw. Roll Call: Jim Cozart (yes), Kevin Shaw (yes), Brenda Subick (yes), Scott Van Loo (yes), Karen Clarke (yes). Motion approved.

Board discussed pay increase for village meter reader. After discussion, it was determined monthly salary for meter reader will go from $200 per month to $250 per month with call outs being increased to $25 per call out from $20 per call out. Motion to approve village meter reader pay increase made by Brenda Subick with 2nd by Scott Van Loo. Roll Call: Jim Cozart (yes), Kevin Shaw (yes), Brenda Subick (yes), Scott Van Loo (yes), Karen Clarke (yes). Motion approved.

The discussion of water meter locks on water shut offs occurred during water committee report as village meter reader brought up then.

Board discussed new Staunton water purchase contract. City of Staunton is raising minimum rate by $1.70 in 2025, by $2.20 in 2026, by $2.45 in 2027, by $2.70 in 2028, and by $2.95 in 2029 per contract. Discussions included prices standing still since 2019, the rate of 2025 increase was due to prices being firm since 2019, and 2025 Staunton water rates being comparable or lower still than other municipalities. Motion to approve Staunton water services contract made by Kevin Shaw with 2nd by Brenda Subick. Roll Call: Jim Cozart (yes), Kevin Shaw (yes), Brenda Subick (yes), Scott Van Loo (yes), Karen Clarke (yes). Motion approved.

Motion to Adjourn made by Brenda Subick with 2nd from Kevin Shaw. Roll Call: Jim Cozart (yes), Kevin Shaw (yes), Brenda Subick (yes), Scott Van Loo (yes), Karen Clarke (yes). Motion approved.

Meeting Adjournment: Dec 11 – 7:50 p.m.