

VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING MINUTES
April 1, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Pres. Wolter.

ROLL CALL: Present: President Wolter, Trustees Hughes, Kaminski, Miller (6:52 p.m.), Myers, Warren, Wing and Zabel. Trustees Baum excused. Also present: Administrator Kreklow, Finance Director Rath, Director Ratayczak, Valerie Bauer, Water Superintendent Paul Haugen, and Clerk Braunschweig.

Water Study Update – Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP:

Director Rath gave an update. The last time the Village looked at a water rate increase was December 2014 and that was a 3% simplified rate increase.

The increase is being reviewed because of the potential water tower in TID 8, debt service, and cash flow for regular maintenance on the system.

Vicky Hildenbrand of Baker Tilley came to the podium. She gave information in regards to the Water Study Update in preparation for an increase and the processes involved. Hydrant rental was also discussed.

The Public Service Commission determines the water rate ranges. This is based on the value of the plant times a rate of return. The Village Board can adjust the PSC approved rates.

The application has been completed and reviewed by management. The Public Service Commission will audit the application. This could take 4-6 months. The application will come back to the Village and then the Public Service Commission will initiate the public hearing.

Water Utility 2018 results show a net loss. The cash flow was positive but not enough for maintenance and debt service. There was a decline in a large commercial user.

The Village rates are the lowest water rates in Washington and Waukesha Counties; 66% below average. The Village is the 12th lowest rates in the state.

Discussion of moving the hydrant rental to water bills was discussed. The PILOT payment would increase.

Discussion ensued of conservation water rates. The Village does offer a sprinkler credit. The sewer rate already assumes a portion for lawns. Could set up an irrigation rate. Discussion ensued of Multi family rates for larger apartment complexes.

Discussion ensued of a stand by rate.
Hydrant rental and impact fees were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deanna Braunschweig, WCMC/CMC
Village Clerk