

Village of Parish, NY Water Committee

Village Water Project

Monday December 5, 2022

Mayor Perkins called the meeting to order at 6:00pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was in the Village Court.

Roll Call: Present – Mayor Perkins; Trustee Murphy; Tasia Engst, Village Clerk; Kevin Dwyer, Village Treasurer

Also Present: Ian Yerdon, C2AE; Tom Bullard, Camden Group; Carol Dwyer, Wendie Harvey, Rodney Perkins, Village Residents; Reed Fuller, Village Business Owner; LJ Harvey and John Dunham, Parish Volunteer Fire Company; (via Zoom: Kenneth Schierrable, Camden Group)

PRESENTATIONS:

Camden Group: Tom and Ken presented their information for option of being contract operator for Village water if the village goes with water from Mexico. Tom can manage 1A-D distribution classification (he double checked with Ian that the village would possibly be a 2B). Daily checks (for pump station) and monthly testing, working with the health department, maintaining hydrants & flushing and exercising valves twice a year; cost for 2 operators for distribution is \$4000/month. Any major repairs would still be call out situations and chemicals are not included. A budget can be put together for the other items that come up which would include the call outs and chemicals. Meter reading and billing needs to be worked out between Village and Camden Group. Radio reads were suggested by Tom and can be included in that \$4000/month. Information would be dropped off to village offices for village to do the billing. Treasurer Dwyer stated that the Williamson Law program can be utilized for water and not just waste water. Ian agrees with Camden Group to do readings and village to do billing; upgrades for software can be obtained through funding if need be. Clerk Engst asks what else is not included in the monthly fee to which Ian addresses in the estimated cost break down.

C2ae (Updated Estimated Cost Breakdown): Option A - Mexico Supply/Camden Group Operator; Option B – OCWA ; Option C – OCWA Bulk/Camden Group Operator; Project Cost estimates remain the same from back in May 2022 which contain quite a bit of contingency and may move a little bit as we progress. Updated interest rate for the debt portion of the project as they have already increased since May. If we qualify through EFC due to hardship the interested rate could be 0%. Ian has retained the 40% grant info although the village could receive more depending the on the grant obtained. Ian suggests focusing on the difference between the actual options in operations and maintenance costs (O&M) at this time. Ian noted that he also included a village reserve fund for options A & C to help cover the minor costs for things not included like chemicals. Also helps build reserve funds for future maintenance costs and tank inspection every 5 years. Ian spoke with Mayor Grimshaw on cost of \$4.25/1k gallons to sell to Village of Parish for Option A. Projected Annual Debt Cost per EDU per year is \$673 and Projected O&M cost for Option A is \$410/EDU per year which is up \$60 from the May 2022 estimations. Ian reminded that the May estimations was for Village of Mexico to provide O&M which they are no longer willing to do so that's why Camden Group has provided numbers. Option A reserve fund cost is \$25/EDU per year which brings the projected total cost to \$1,108/EDU per year. If the reserve fund is put into an interest bearing account, after 10 years there would be \$80k-\$100k in that account. Option B with connecting to OCWA, projected annual debt cost per EDU per year is \$977 and Projected O&M cost is \$400/EDU per year, bringing Projected total cost to \$1,377/EDU per year. No reserve needed as OCWA covers all maintenance fees and chemicals on system and does all billing. The project cost is higher due to the difference in pipe used; Mexico is PVC while OCWA will only use the ductile iron. Option C's projected annual debt cost per EDU per year is \$781 while the Project O&M cost is \$420/EDU per year. The reserve cost of \$25/EDU per year was added back into this option as Camden Group would be contract operator, bringing the Project total cost to \$1,226/ EDU per year. All three options are very comparable in Ian's opinion. Tom states that the reserve is most

important in any project whether it be water or waste water, to be established at the start. Mayor thanks Ian and Camden Group for their work on putting this information together for evaluation.

Questions/Notes from Audience:

Q: Repairs of up to only \$2500 is covered by (Mexico), the rest is by the taxpayers correct? **A:** c2ae: No, because the Village of Mexico will no longer provide O&M to a Village of Parish water system. The Village of Parish would be responsible for all repairs.

Notes: So if we hook up to Mexico we have to pay for water, this company (Camden Group) more money because we already pay for sewer, chemicals? It just keeps adding up and adding up. OCWA may be a higher price but it's all included and they are willing to work with the Town. *(Asks for copy of the estimated cost projects from c2ae, Clerk Engst goes to make copies as the info was provided during the start of the meeting)* Fire company has seen Mexico water and it's not the best, hydrants have been bagged over the years. Plastic is fine but ductile iron carries more water pressure and that's what the fire company needs. OCWA will maintain the system at all times and they are on the ball at all times for service. C2ae understands and states that at the end of the day the board needs to do what's best for the village. Discussion had about diameter of lines and materials of lines. Harvey says, "As a Village taxpayer I would much rather go with OCWA as I know it will be maintained correctly and at no extra cost as it's already in there." Mayor Perkins states that it's almost like a little insurance, that you're buying the extra security in the system. C2ae suggests maybe adding in a small reserve fund but essentially takes over a system and runs it as their own, they don't own it but they run it. Discussion had about not just effecting today but also the future people of Village of Parish. Trustee Murphy asks about what happens when Micron comes in; OCWA will be able to handle. Fuller states that if people are going to want to move in this area, they are going to want reliable water and it's essential. This may be Parish's time to charge forward and get the ball rolling. Discussion continues about people not wanting to live in the city but surrounding areas and future development in surrounding areas being of benefit.

Mayor Perkins thanks the core group for attending and helping get questions answered via these discussions. Asks Ken if he has anything else to add before she closes. Ken says there is a lot to compare and review as it comes down to what the Village feels is best for them and the community. Without water the village will be left behind with the new businesses coming to the surrounding areas. Group agrees that we should have water by now but hopefully we can continue moving forward.

DATES TO REMEMBER: None at this time, information to be reviewed by full village board

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Perkins adjourned meeting at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tasia M. Engst, Parish Village Clerk