CITY OF MONTELLO

PUBLIC WORKS MINUTES

12-8-16

Called to order 7:00 PM

Members Present: Frank Breitenbach, Karlene Utke, Ken Streich, Ron Weiss, Venise Mugler

Others Present: Mike Kohnke

Motion by Weiss/Mugler to approve comp time/monthly reports. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. MSA Projects update: Kohnke gave update on water main projects, both are going well & on time.
2. Out of state training: Discussion on cost & budget. Discussion on current program & when it will be live. Streich suggested approval not to exceed $3500.00 split between sewer, water, and public works budget with majority coming from sewer & water. Discussion on how to split. Motion by Weiss/Mugler to have sewer and water pay upfront with 1/3 to come from public works budget at a later time. Motion carried. Weiss suggested booking as soon as possible to save on airfare.
3. Holiday decorations: New banners are here & have been hung up.
4. Douglas Ave. parking: Public safety is planning on making parking one side only. Discussion on which side is best, generally felt west side would be safest.
5. Fire calls: No update, has not gone to personnel committee yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Voucher for Highway Dept work: Manhole covers, Kohnke explained was cheaper to go through county to have the covers sealed than to buy the rings to seal them.
2. Garbage pick-up charges: discussion on city stickers and how to start new utilities – not real possible right now. Discussion on services taxpayers receive. Much discussion on taxes in other townships, counties, and states.
3. Christmas lights on buildings: Mayor would like to have Christmas lights on downtown buildings.
* Kohnke voiced concerns about privately owned buildings and codes. Felt would look nice, but complicated & not practical. Discussion on other options & ideas.
1. Mike vacation request: Jan 9-13, Motion by Breitenbach/Weiss to give approval. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

* Streich brought up subject of trucks and buses driving on Douglas & Forest: when roads were done they were not built for trucks, there is a weight limit. Mugler stated issue should be brought back to Public Safety committee.
* Weiss would like following added to next month agenda: Roads, ideas on how to be proactive about fixing them; and old high school building.

NEXT MEETING: January 12th, 2016 date changed to January 19th.

Motion by Weiss/Mugler to adjourn. Motion carried at 7:55 PM.

Minutes by Marie Puterbaugh