

President Ken Stenklyft called the regular meeting of the village board to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2013.

Roll Call – all members reported present. Also present were Dennis Hein, Josh McDonald, Bill Koehler and Charles Fochs.

Pledge of Allegiance – The pledge of allegiance was recited by everyone present.

Citizen Concerns & Questions to be acted upon at the next board meeting – none.

Announcements – Nomination papers may be circulated beginning December 1, 2013 and the deadline for submitting them is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2014. Current board members up for this upcoming election are James Koffarnus, Mark Breckheimer and Gary Boesch. The annual Bingo Bash sponsored by the Hilbert/Potter Optimist Group is scheduled for 11/23/13. A regional meeting in Manitowoc County on flooding issues in the area is scheduled for 6 p.m. on 11/20/13. The next Civic Association meeting is scheduled for 11/20/13 at the Altona in New Holstein. DuPrey also reported that there is a community informational and input session for the Calumet County Highway Building at 6 p.m. on 11/19/13 at the courthouse in room #025.

Stenklyft then called the public hearing on the proposed budgets to order. The notice of the current limit to qualify for an expenditure restraint payment for 2015 was presented to the board. The % is 2.5%. DuPrey stated that he did adjust the general fund budget to accommodate for this so that we would qualify for the payment. He stated that he adjusted some of the general expenditures a little for some of the accounts to cut the \$1,600 needed. This lowered the tax levy for the general fund. He then increased the tax levy by the same amount in the Capital Improvements Fund and lowered the amount coming out of fund balance. There were no questions regarding the changes made by DuPrey regarding this. Stenklyft asked if there was any public input regarding the proposed budgets. There was none. Stenklyft brought up one item after the last meeting. He stated that it was in the street budget. There is \$5,000 budgeted for a study on Birch St. from 8th St. – 3rd St. He questioned if it is a wise way to spend money or should we be putting it into the curb & gutter and sidewalk that we want to install in other areas. Fochs stated that this is to get some preliminary work done. He stated that we have to do a wetlands survey in that area and they are trying to find out if it is possible to run the street there. Stenklyft stated that looking at this, is it even necessary to put that street in. Starfeld and Fochs both stated that it would move the truck traffic from downtown. Thiel questioned what the total cost would be for the project. He stated that we are going through a swamp there. Stenklyft questioned if it wouldn't be wiser to come off of Plappert Rd. Boesch stated that this wouldn't work because there is no 3rd St. right of way going through Wiese Brothers. Stenklyft stated that if we run through wetlands, then we are going to have to put in ponds. Fochs stated that this is what we need to find out. Boesch stated that if you don't want to do it then don't do it. He stated that we are going to spend a lot of money in repairing streets in town. It's up to the board how they want to do it. Stenklyft questioned that when you look at what it would cost to put in that street vs. blacktopping streets more often, which is worse? Boesch stated that we don't know that yet. He stated that this is what the study is for. Boesch stated that if they don't want it to go in there, that is okay but we are going to be sticking more money into the streets in this village. He stated that if you think that there is a lot of truck traffic now, just wait until they are done with their \$1,000,000 venture. Starfeld stated that we need to try. DuPrey stated that Cedar St. is not really built for truck traffic. He stated that when the street committee looked at this, they were looking at long range planning because of the type of traffic that we are getting now and the type of traffic that we may be getting in the future with their expansion. He also stated that the street is not real wide and if there are vehicles parked on both sides, you will not get two way traffic. It will only be one lane. Stenklyft questioned if instead of going through a swampy area, then why don't we go down Chestnut St. and go past the park. Starfeld stated that we would still go past the park though. Boesch stated that it is dead in the water if we don't do the preliminary study. Fochs stated that there is no cattails in the area we are talking. It is tall grass. He stated until the study is done, we will not know what all needs to be done. Thiel stated that there are cattails there. Fochs stated in the ditch of the railroad, yes, but not where the street is proposed. Keuler questioned how much the study cost. Right now we don't know. Keuler asked if Robert E. Lee has provided an estimate yet. Fochs stated that when he talked to Jared from Robert E. Lee he felt that \$5,000 should cover it. Fochs stated that we need to do this study and get a preliminary plan of what we want to do before we can even meet with the DNR to get their blessings. Once this is completed, we can then get more concrete numbers on the estimated cost of completing the street. Thiel questioned whether or not the DNR already knows if it is a wetland or not? Fochs stated that they may know but we still have to go in and do the study and where the street will be located before they will tell us if it can work or not. Thiel stated that they should have some sort of wetland map that shows where the wetlands are. Fochs stated that Jared already talked to the DNR and this is what we need to do. Fochs stated that the DNR will not just come out and tell you. They have procedures that they follow and that is just the way it is. Boesch stated developing Plappert Rd would not be feasible. Fochs stated that there is no benefit to the village. Stenklyft stated that if we are concerned in getting them off of Cedar St. are we looking at other options besides Birch St. Boesch stated that Birch St. would be the most feasible. He stated that even though they think it is going to cost tax dollars, he stated that it is the shortest route. Stenklyft stated that not if we use Chestnut St. We are only just going across the tracks. Starfeld stated that then we are going past the park. Stenklyft stated so? Boesch stated to

Stenklyft that we don't want to do that. Boesch stated that you have to think about a truck route and where the industries are. He stated that you don't want to run them past the park. Stenklyft stated that it might be more feasible than sending them along Birch St. Fochs stated that we would need to move the salt shed. Stenklyft stated ya. Stenklyft stated that it is something to look at. Thiel stated that semis ran past the park years ago when the cheese factory was operating. Boesch stated that you don't want to run the trucks through the park. Stenklyft stated not through the park by next to the park. Starfeld and Boesch both stated that we are only saving on one block. They both felt that this would be foolish. Stenklyft stated that it is something to think about. Boesch stated that we are only saving one block. What are we actually saving by that. Starfeld stated that he has another issue to bring up. Thiel stated that he is not done with this one yet. He stated that we have that in there but yet we took the sidewalk out on 10th St. to Milwaukee St. He stated that in his opinion, he felt that this was much more important than doing a study on wetlands that probably isn't going to happen anyway. He stated that for him personally, we have the safety of kids there and we are doing a study for wetlands instead of putting in sidewalk for the safety of kids and he feels that it is just wrong. Fochs stated that with the sidewalk on 10th St., the cart if before the horse. He stated that before we look at putting sidewalks down the side streets, we need to take care of Main St. first (Highway 114). He questioned what we would do with the ditch on Hwy 114. Are we going to shove them back out into traffic to cross the road or are we going to keep them on the sidewalk. Are we going to build a bridge, extend the culvert? He stated that all of these things need to be accounted for. He stated that if we budget money first for Hwy 114 and put in the storm sewer, curb and gutter, then we could put the sidewalk in there and then we could attach it properly. Thiel stated, that little piece is immaterial. Fochs stated that it is still part of the puzzle though. Thiel agreed but they start and stop all the time. He stated that it is common for sidewalk to start, go so far, then stop, then start again. He stated that he just thinks that getting the kids off the streets especially in the winter time is good. He stated that he did a lot of walking around town last winter and he was not happy when he saw little old ladies having to crawl over snow banks to go from the sidewalks to the streets and kids falling down with their school bags. He stated that it is just wrong. Starfeld stated that it is not different than walking on Highway 114, you walk on the side of the street. Thiel stated that at some point they have to walk on the street but if we can put another piece of the puzzle in and eliminate a bunch of it again, that's what we need to do. Keuler stated that there is no sidewalk anywhere on that side of the village. Keuler stated that this whole side of town needs to walk on the road to go to school. Thiel stated that this is not right. Keuler agreed. Starfeld stated that we need to the busiest one first. Keuler stated that he was a crossing guard there and most of the kids do walk down the sidewalk on Milwaukee St. Fochs stated that when there is a few they are but not when they are in a group. Thiel stated that he does see them walk down the sidewalk. They are not on the street. Starfeld stated that they will still walk in the street. Keuler disagreed. He stated that if there is sidewalk, they will walk on the sidewalk and not in the street. Stenklyft felt that before any of the money gets spent on the streets, the committee needs to sit down and decide what they want to do and come up with an idea. Boesch stated that we can't even adopt the street budget tonight from what he is hearing. He stated, think about it. Stenklyft stated that there is nothing stating that you can't budget the monies and then reallocate it. Boesch stated that tonight is supposed to be budget finalization. Stenklyft agreed. Boesch stated then set it up the way you want it. Starfeld stated that we had to cut \$70,000 from the budget and had to do it within 10 minutes. He felt that we needed a better way to do it. He stated that we took \$14,000 away from the equipment and keeping a lot of the other stuff. He questioned the 1 3/4" hose for the fire department. He stated that it always had been 1 1/2" and now it has to be 1 3/4"? He questioned why they were switching to 1 3/4". Thiel stated that 500' of hose is not a lot. Thiel questioned when we spend \$110,000 on one thing and then when we want to put \$5,000 towards some safety stuff, then it is a problem. He stated that he has issues with that. Starfeld stated that there are a lot of other areas where we could cut. Stenklyft stated that this is not the issue. It is whether or not it utilizes what everyone else feels it should be. He stated that if the street committee is adamant that they do this, then so be it. Starfeld stated that you don't know unless you try it. Boesch stated that he show how 3rd St. has already changed with 200 cement trucks the other morning. Boesch stated that it doesn't matter to him. Thiel stated that he feels that it is going to be all for naught because we gave the engineers all that money for the test holes for the park. He stated that was \$5,000 thrown out the window because everything was fine. He stated that like with this, if they come back and state that we have to almost build a bridge and it is going to cost \$500,000 to do it that we are going to say that is crazy and not go forward with it. Starfeld stated that you will never know. Thiel stated that you could almost guess. Boesch stated do what you want but the truck traffic down there is going to double. Boesch stated take it out of there. Starfeld stated that he felt it should be left there. Boesch stated that we are not going to get a well or do anything at our treatment plant without a preliminary study. He stated to Stenklyft that they have been on the board long enough and we just don't drill a hole in the ground. He stated that we all know that there is water in the ground but we can't just dig a hole. There has to be engineering studies done. He stated that it is part of the program. Keuler stated that he felt that it is a good idea to get traffic off of Cedar St. Keuler stated that he didn't know if that was more important or the safety of kids. Boesch stated that they are both important. Boesch stated that maybe we need to pull \$6,000 - \$8,000 out of other things to be able to do both things. Keuler stated that if one kid dies from this....Koffarnus stated then why didn't we put cyclone fence around all of the detention ponds where we had one kid die. Boesch stated that

DuPrey is getting a headache. DuPrey stated that we discussed this last month and decided on these cuts. Stenklyft stated that the reason we are here tonight is to make sure we made the right cuts. He stated that it will take what it takes. Boesch stated to Stenklyft, set it up the way you want it. Stenklyft stated designate the monies you have set aside for sidewalk replacement/repair and designate it towards that area of town instead of doing spots all over town. Fochs questioned that if someone trips and falls because there is a lip on the sidewalk, is that any different? Stenklyft stated no. Fochs stated that it is no different. Keuler stated that at least there would be sidewalk to walk on. Keuler stated that he knows what happens to the streets in the winter time. They get smaller. Fochs stated that he knows what happens to the streets. Boesch stated that if we want to run the trucks along Cedar St. and see how long our streets hold up, then go that route. Fochs stated that even if Birch St. becomes a reality, how many years out there are we looking at before we would have the monies in the budget to do the street. He stated that it will be years out unless the board decides to borrow monies for the project. Fochs stated that this street would be in the TID and it is future planning. He stated that we talk about it all the time, plan for the future, look into things. He questioned how this can be accomplished if we don't want to spend the monies to find out if something is even feasible. He stated that we don't know if it is feasible. He stated that the engineers don't know if it is feasible. They will not know until they get the blessing from the DNR. He stated that it is just like the ditch by Paul Gehl. We don't know if it will cure the whole problem, but it will clear some of it. Stenklyft felt that they should be able to get the estimated cost without getting the DNR's blessings. Fochs stated that he can get the cost but then we are paying someone to do the estimate. Stenklyft stated that if we get the pricing first and find it astronomical, then we don't have to proceed. Thiel stated that he understood what he was trying to state. Stenklyft questioned why are we spending money to see if it is feasible if we are not even going to go ahead with it. Thiel stated that we could still get an estimate to see what it is going to cost to cross everything. Boesch stated that every time we call the engineers or the attorney, we are on the clock. Thiel stated that he thought an estimate would be cheaper than an engineering study. Boesch stated multiple times, take it out. We can sit here all night discussing this. Starfeld stated so that we are not going to be doing sidewalks throughout the village then. Fochs stated, let's do it this way. Leave it in and the street committee will walk around in the spring and decide how to spend the funds for sidewalks. Stenklyft agreed. Thiel asked if it was an option to take monies from the general fund to do more sidewalk if needed. It is an option. Thiel stated that he would be fine with that. It was noted that we would not want to do this all the time. DuPrey and Thiel discussed briefly the fund balance. DuPrey stated a lot of that is restricted or earmarked. There is about \$300,000 unrestricted out of about a \$1,000,000 budget so we don't want to take that too low. There was discussion regarding meeting pay going up and attorney fees going up. Stenklyft stated that is because everyone is calling the village attorney instead of the league's attorney. Starfeld stated that we should have had the lawyer here then not everybody would have had to call him. Boesch stated that let's not drag this into this business. Starfeld questioned if we have a committee meeting for like schooling and come in for 3 minutes... Stenklyft stated that the board does not get paid for committee meetings. DuPrey stated that they do. They are paid \$10 for each committee meeting and \$30 for each board meeting. DuPrey stated that they would have to change the ordinance. Stenklyft stated that we need to do a better job of timing the meetings to do them all at once instead of at the last minute. Starfeld stated that when we have 3 board members attend, that's \$30 when we are approving classes for \$25. Stenklyft stated that a guy could go around and cut their own pay and not get paid for committee meetings. He stated that if they want to go that route, then there are other areas that could be cut such as hourly wages, no meeting attendance, etc. It is just a thought. Stenklyft stated that there are a lot of things that you could do to save money if you want to get nitpicky and cut each one out. Stenklyft then asked if there were any other questions on the budget. There were none. Action – to approve the sewer fund budget as presented – motion: Koffarnus; second: Boesch; carried. Action – to approve the water fund budget as presented – motion: Thiel; second: Koffarnus; carried. Action – to approve the TID #1 budget as presented – motion: Koffarnus; second: Boesch; carried. Action – to approve the first responder budget as presented – motion: Koffarnus; second: Thiel; carried. Action – to approve the TID #2 budget as presented – motion: Koffarnus; second: Starfeld; carried. Action – to approve the budget for the CDA fund as presented – motion: Koffarnus; second: Starfeld; carried. Action – to adopt the budget for the capital improvements fund as presented – motion: Boesch; second: Starfeld; carried. Thiel questioned the electricity for the ballfield in the general fund. DuPrey stated that the athletic club pays the bill during the summer months and the village pays it for the remainder months. The amount budgeted is what the village's share is. Action – to adopt the budget for the general fund as presented – motion: Koffarnus; second: Thiel; carried. Action – to set the local tax rate at \$6.7924087 – motion: Koffarnus; second: Keuler; carried. DuPrey touched on the overall rate for the village. He explained the issues with the Town of Chilton and the landfill assessment which is located in the Hilbert School District. Because there was an error on their assessment the previous year because they were over assessed, they actually get to levy this amount in the following year to make up for the refund that had to be paid to them the previous year. Because of this, the tax levy increased substantially and amounted to the vast majority of the overall increase. President Stenklyft declared the public hearing closed.

Minutes – Action – to approve the board meeting minutes as presented – motion: Boesch; second: Koffarnus; carried.

Treasurer's Report for the Village of Hilbert - balances – \$46,397.23 General fund; \$209,601.08 Sewer fund; \$83,274.86 Water fund; \$1.00 Clean Water fund; \$1.00 Block Grant fund; \$16,840.81 TID #1 fund; \$501,882.59 T-Plus fund; \$16,808.49 First Responder fund; (\$221,001.64) TID #2, \$179.44 CDA; \$83,909.19 Capital Improvements Fund. Action – to approve the treasurer's report as presented – motion: Boesch; second: Koffarnus; carried. The treasurer's reports from the last two months was presented to the board. Action – to approve the treasurer's reports for the last two months as presented Claims - examined and discussed. Action – to pay all claims – motion: Starfeld; second: Koffarnus; carried.

Correspondence – The MEG newsletters from the last two months were presented to the board for their information. There were no Time Warner Cable letters received. The Focus newsletters were presented to the board for their information. A notice from the Department of Administration regarding the final estimate of 1/1/13 population was received. They estimate our current population at 1,132 residents.

Reports - The report of labor hours was presented to the board for their information. The monthly report of building permits was presented to the board for their information. It was noted that there is a roof going on at 41 N. 1st St. DuPrey will let the inspector know. A notice of the Major Class Comparison report was received. We are currently in compliance. The report listing the street equipment and costs was presented to the board for their information. Village Board Member Informational Report – None.

Village Personnel Informational Report – none.

President's Report – none.

Unfinished Business:

2013 Projects – A payment request from MCC was received. There was some discussion on the profiling that was done this past year. Charlie reported that the contractors liked it better felt that the streets turned out better. Action – to approve the payment request #1 to MCC in the amount of \$127,407.52 as presented – motion: Boesch; second: Starfeld; carried.

Recycling/Rubbish – The monthly report was presented to the board for their information. The proposed contract was then presented to the board. There were several questioned raised regarding the contract including time frame, having an out to terminate the contract, etc. This contract had not been reviewed by the attorney yet. The board decided without formal motion to table this until next month and have it reviewed by the attorney.

Police Protection for the village – The monthly report was presented to the board.

Fire Department – Koehler reported that the advertisement for bids on the trailer are on facebook, the village's website and the voice. Bids will be opened on 12/2/13.

TID District #1 – nothing new.

Property Maintenance Ordinance – Action – to approve the committee meeting minutes from the last two meetings as presented – motion: Boesch; second: Keuler;; carried. The first recommendation was to dismiss the citations issued for 627 W. Main St. and 615 W. Main St., Gary Schomburg properties.

Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Thiel; second: Boesch; carried. The second recommendation was to grant Brandon Luedtke a 45 day extension to complete the necessary repairs.

Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Starfeld; second: Thiel; carried. The next recommendation was to have the notice of violation personally served on John Casper. He had not picked up the certified letter sent and the attorney felt that even though it wasn't completely necessary to personally serve him, he felt that it would be better if we did if we did end up in court over this. Action – to approve this recommendation – motion: Thiel; second: Starfeld; carried.

TID District #2 – nothing new.

Ballfield Light Project – nothing new.

Street Committee – It was noted that there will be the meeting in Manitowoc on November 20th.

Discussion and possible action regarding sale of land that the village has Right of First Refusal on – DuPrey presented further information regarding this land. It is located west of Lot #3 on the back side of the property (north side). It will be 5 acres at \$30,000 an acre. DuPrey reviewed correspondence from the attorney regarding this property. Action – to have the village waive its right of first refusal on this 5 acres of land – motion: Boesch; second: Starfeld; carried.

New Business:

Application for operator licenses – Application for an operator license was received from Matraca Kumbalek. DuPrey noted that everything checked out. Action – to approve the operator license for Matraca Kumbalek – motion: Boesch; second: Starfeld; carried.

Classes/Seminars/Schooling for employees – Charlie gave a brief report on the WWOA conference that he attended in Stevens Point. He touched on trends in rates over a 17 year period. He stated that we do have a copy of it and it is very interesting because it gives the 17 year trend in water rates, sewer rates, etc. that are charged to customers. He also touched on the CMOM report that is being pushed by the DNR. CMOM stands for "Capacity Management Operations and Maintenance". He touched on all of the areas that would be covered in this book such as goals, orientation, operation & maintenance, legal, design standards, full emergency plan, etc. It is planned to be implemented in August 2016. Charlie also reported that he was invited to be at the awards banquet and he received the WWOA Operator of the Year Award for the Lake Michigan District for 2013. Charlie presented the award received. Boesch congratulated Charlie for the award. It was a total surprise. Starfeld asked how it is awarded. Charlie stated that he is recommended and voted on by his peers in the industry. Charlie stated that DuPrey,

Koffarnus and his wife came up for the awards banquet. There will be a press release sent to the local papers.

Water & Sewer Committee – Keuler brought up questions regarding the contract. He questioned with the situation with the well project are we thinking about getting into another deal with the engineers doing the headworks, etc. without us knowing if they are going to get us a better deal on that. He questioned how the whole thing ended up. Keuler stated that the overall engineering fees on the well project were double the original estimate. According to the minutes, they explained it and were going to see if they could give us some sort of credit. Fochs stated that we need to keep some things in mind here. He stated that we had the estimates for the project. With that we have 15% contingency and 15% engineering. With the digging of the well, it was estimated at \$75,000 but came in at \$97,000. He stated that the engineering costs of 15% are added onto the actual costs. He also stated that the building was larger than the original and the costs were higher so the engineering costs would increase. Keuler stated that he understands that but we are just talking engineering costs right now. Keuler stated that the project didn't double then why did the engineering costs double. Keuler stated that his point was that we are going to go and jump in here with another contract when we don't know. He stated that this may be the time to say that we are thinking of giving this to someone else in order to get a little something else back on the well project. Keuler stated that it seems like they took advantage of us last time. Fochs stated that he doesn't personally think that they did. He stated that the cost of the whole project was up so the engineering fees are going to be up. Keuler stated that if we don't raise a stink with this what's to say that it is not going to happen again. He stated that he thinks that we have to let them know that they are not going to just be able to do this again. Fochs then questioned Keuler how he wanted to handle this. He asked how he wanted to deal with the next project. Keuler questioned what he meant by how you want to deal with it? Charlie questioned how Keuler wanted to keep them in check. Boesch stated that it would have to be advertised what the scope of services would be and they would then have to bid on it. Fochs stated that Keuler is stating that the engineers are charging too much but he questioned how they are going to keep any engineer in check. Charlie questioned if they are going to make them come in and punch a clock? Thiel stated that many years ago this happened with Arthur and they were doing stuff in the village and they were unchecked and every month was just a bill and stuff wasn't even itemized. He stated that after he spoke up and made them itemize bills, he stated that our stuff went down considerably. He stated that this is not a bad idea. Boesch questioned how Chilton does it. Keuler stated that they spec out the scope of services to be provided by the engineer and they bid it out for each project. Keuler stated that they have some that just certain things but don't just have one engineering firm doing everything. Thiel stated that when you have an engineer such as Robert E. Lee, they already have the knowledge of the village so they are at an advantage already. He stated that on the bidding end of it, they have the advantage and they should be lower. Koffarnus stated that Kimberly was the engineer on site and they ran into problems when developing the well and wanted to have the engineer on site. Stenklyft stated that with any other aspect of a project, if something is running over budget, they come back and ask for more at that time for approval. Keuler stated that the other thing that bothers him was that Dave Welsing stated that the well was test pumped and found to be a viable solution. Keuler questioned if 160 gallons is a viable solution or did they have more gallons the first time that they pumped it. Fochs stated that when they pumped it they had figured around 200 gallons per minutes. Keuler stated "that's a viable solution?" Keuler stated that 200 gallons per minute is not much. Fochs questioned Keuler where he was going to get it? Keuler stated that he is just saying. Keuler stated that there wasn't much engineering done in the beginning on that project that should have been. He felt that there should have been more done before we just decide to put a well in. He stated to have Dave come in and say that, it just makes him feel leery. Fochs stated that Dave wasn't involved up front. Dean was the one that was there in the beginning but he is no longer employed there. DuPrey stated that one thing that everyone has to remember was when they came back and stated that this test well would give us 200 gallons per minute, the board made the decision to proceed with the project. Keuler stated that he understands that. He stated that we can't keep letting it go on. He stated that we get rid of this one and go right back into this one. DuPrey then asked to touch on the project. He stated that we need submit the Intent to Apply and other documentation before December 31st. He stated that if we do not do this now, we are not in this next funding cycle. He stated that the reason why this whole thing came about was that when he attended the clerk's convention in August, there were classes there that the engineers attended regarding funding and everyone that was at the class were told that with the next budget, interest rates on the loans will be increasing. He stated that if we do not get into this funding cycle, we will not qualify for the lower interest rates. He stated that the board has to make that decision to the rate payers in this town if we want to get under this lower interest rate funding level or delay it several months and pay the higher interest rate down the road. He stated that this is the decision that they are going to have to make at this point and time. He stated that it has to be done tonight. If it doesn't get done tonight, we are not going to meet the 12/31 deadline. Stenklyft stated then so be it because if we rush through it, we could end up with the same thing that the project is way out of whack. Keuler agreed that they would be right back in the same boat. Stenklyft stated that we could end up with the same thing. Starfeld stated not necessarily. Stenklyft stated that we could. Starfeld stated look at how much money you are going to lose at the higher interest rate. Stenklyft questioned how much? Stenklyft asked how much is the interest rate going up? Koffarnus questioned Keuler so you want to do

every project like Chilton does? Keuler stated that he is not saying that. He stated that he feels that we need to put this in check somewhere. DuPrey stated that we are being penny wise and dollar foolish. Keuler stated that we can't just keep jumping into these things. DuPrey stated that he understands that but we are under a time constraint right now. He stated that on a \$2.5 million dollar project...Keuler stated that this should have been done already at the beginning of the year. DuPrey stated that this was impossible. He stated that he was told this information in the end of August. He stated that it is impossible to do this stuff in the beginning of the year when you first find out about the stuff in August. Keuler stated that he didn't feel that this was a good way to go about it. DuPrey stated that on a \$2.5 million dollar project and the interest goes up a ½%, do the math, it is going to be a lot of interest and the rate payers are going to pay it. DuPrey stated again, "penny wise and dollar foolish". Stenklyft stated that it doesn't hurt to keep them in check. Boesch stated that we need to keep in mind here, we have one major employer that has a substantial payroll here and have been expanding here. He stated that he feels that one of the reasons why they are comfortable with being in this community is that we have been proactive to provide the services that they need. He stated "has everything gone right? Hell no, he will attest to that." He stated that we have to look at the bottom line and is it really worth the gamble of saving a few grand and be out of the interest rate cycle. He stated that this is what we need to ask ourselves if this is the gamble we are willing to take tonight. Thiel stated that maybe the solution to this is that we maybe talk to them and state that we are not overly happy and we are going to give you this contract and if it doesn't work out, we are going to bid out engineering services. Boesch stated that Keuler doesn't really have a bad idea and is all for keeping everybody in check. He stated that we all have the same goal to provide the residents decent services at a reasonable cost. Thiel stated that this would basically be their last chance and if there are issues, we are going to be bidding out for services. Boesch stated that DuPrey has stated that we need to act on this tonight so we need to. Keuler stated that with the \$22,500 are they only looking into Sargento for the headworks? He questioned are we looking into the phosphorous with this also? DuPrey stated that our main debt is paid off in 2014. There is a secondary loan that is paid in full 5 years later. He stated that the grand master plan with this whole thing is to do the facility plan and plan for the phosphorous and do the headworks and stuff in 2015 and when the second loan is paid up, this will be about the time that we will need to do something with phosphorous. The goal here is to do these improvements and not have a massive impact on the user charges and keep it fairly consistent. He stated that we have discussed this at quite length and look at the total picture. Keuler stated that he doesn't have a problem with the way it is being done. It has to be done. We need to make sure that the engineering firm needs to know that they are being watched. Keuler stated that he felt that we paid more because they lost employees. Keuler stated that this should not cost us money. Stenklyft stated that instead of having this needing to be done at the last minute, we need to have better planning further out ahead. He stated that granted for this time, DuPrey first found out in August. Fochs stated that this is the way it always is. Stenklyft stated that is where we run into problems when we make these quick decisions and don't have much time to think about it. Action – to approve the committee meeting minutes as presented – motion: Boesch; second: Starfeld; carried. The recommendation was to approve the contract with Robert E. Lee. DuPrey touched on the terms and conditions that are part of the contract. He stated that Stenklyft asked that this be reviewed by the league which was done. They proposed changes and the engineers have accepted them. Action – to approve the engineering contract for the facility plan for the treatment plant upgrade with Robert E. Lee at a cost of \$22,500 with the revised terms and conditions – motion: Boesch; second: Starfeld; carried.

Assessor Contract for 2014 – Boesch questioned if there were any major issues with this contract. There were none noted. Action – to approve the assessor contract for 2014 with Action Appraisers & Consultants for \$5,300 – motion: Thiel; second: Koffarnus; carried.

Adjournment – Action – to adjourn – motion: Boesch; second: Starfeld; carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Dennis DuPrey

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