



Since 2023 is the last year for the current hauling contract, it will have to be bid in the summer of 2023 for 2024 and beyond. Due to the significant increase in fuel prices, the 2024 hauling contract will be significantly higher than the 2023 contract, based on the recent bid results in other municipalities. In addition, the fact that the vast majority of refuse fund revenue is not received until after the first quarter of the year, it is recommended that an increase in the fund reserve be built into the 2023 refuse fund budget so that there would be enough at the end of the year to accommodate a higher hauling cost in the first quarter of 2024. After the discussion, the Board agreed to raise the refuse fees for 1 adult households to \$255 and 2 adult households to \$275 for the 2023 budget.

**B.) Sewer Fund**

Ms. Johnston reviewed the proposed budget for the Sewer Fund. She explained that there were cost increases due to supply issues and rising fuel costs. The proposed budget was based on a minimum fee increase from \$125/EDU/quarter to \$135/EDU/quarter for 7,500 gallons, the lowest recommended increase. The purpose of a rate increase is to fund capital costs. The base rate is for residents with metered water usage. Customers with wells, which are unmetered for water usage, are charged a conversion factor of 1.4. These customers currently pay \$174/quarter and would pay \$189/quarter with the proposed increase. The Board discussed raising the flat rate to \$140/EDU/quarter for the metered customers and researching the conversion factor to be used for the unmetered well customers.

Public Works explained the need to order a new combo truck as soon as orders are being accepted due to the delay in receiving vehicles. The cost for a new vac truck is expected to cost at least \$500,000.00. The Board agreed to escrow \$250,000.00 in 2023 for the future combo truck and to authorize an order on the consent agenda for the December Board of Commissioners meeting.

**C.) SMP (Sewer Management Program for on-lot systems) Fund**

Ms. Johnston reviewed the proposed budget for the SMP Fund. The Board determined that the fee of \$65 will remain the same in 2023.

**D.) Ambulance Fund**

There were no proposed increases or changes for the Ambulance Fund for the 2023 Budget.

**E.) Police Department Grant**

The Board discussed a grant program from the Attorney General's office for \$1,200/officer which is available only to police officers and not fire fighters or public works. If received, the \$1200.00 retention bonuses would not be considered pay and would not be rolled over into contract negotiations.

**ON MOTION OF MR. KALBACH, SECOND OF MRS. O'LEARY, A MAJORITY VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPANSION OF THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION, PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED ON 9/20/2022, TO INCLUDE:**

- **Authorization to sign an EEOP certification;**
- **Authorization to include wages for the part-time Systems Analyst position;**

- Authorization to include retention bonuses for police dept. personnel (“heroes pay”) per AG Shapiro’s letter of July 2022, subject to receipt of an MOU from the CTPOA

**MR. MILLER AND MS. ROWE VOTED “NO” FOR THIS MOTION.**

### **COMMISSIONERS**

#### **A) Reminders:**

##### **1) Board of Commissioners meetings for fall 2022:**

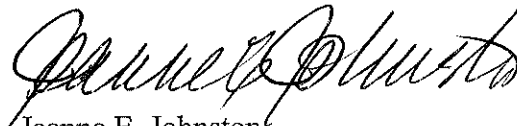
- 11/18/2022 at 7:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting
- 10/20/2022 at 3:30 p.m. – Budget Meeting
- 10/27/2022 at 3:30 p.m. – Budget Meeting
- 11/15/2022 at 7:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting
- 11/29/2022 at 7:00 p.m. – 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Meeting

*Note: Deadline for 2023 budget advertisement is 11/30/2022, for adoption on 12/20/2022.*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MR. KALBACH, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:30 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne E. Johnston  
Secretary/Manager