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SSD Special Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Dale Larson, Chairperson. Present at the meeting were Tarah Vitek, Kurt Johnson, and Dale Larson, Supervisors; Amanda Ellefson, Clerk; Ronda Bernard, Deputy Clerk; John Wolvin, Eric Applewick, and Paul Christenson

Dale indicated that this meeting is to talk to AUS at 6:00, People's Services at 7:00 pm, and then make a decision.

Advanced Utility Solutions (AUS) – Eric Applewick

Kurt asked Eric to plan to go through some of the details in the proposal. Eric gave an overview of his familiarity with the Aerie Lake SSD, the services that he would provide, and the company that he partners with to do drawdown testing. All costs are part of his proposal. Kurt inquired into the staffing with AUS, which Eric indicated that he has enough personnel to cover the needs. Eric provided information on the sewer districts that he currently services. Kurt questioned the annual cost and the additional costs that may be included. Eric gave an explanation of why the additional cost is included. Eric indicated that there is a 3% increase each year in the annual cost. Dale asked for clarification of additional costs and locating. Dale also asked for clarification of what is covered under the monthly fee, which would be reporting, mileage, time on site, lab costs, and meeting attendance. Eric explained that he is on First Net for phone and internet, which provides him faster and better service. Kurt asked about engineering firms and Eric explained that he works with multiple engineering firms and can reach out to the appropriate engineer based on the issue or question for the site. Eric provided a contract review and end of year to expand or amend as needed as a team. John asked about the yearly rate for Annual Inspection which Eric indicated that the \$300 charge covers staffing, equipment, and time.

People's Services – Paul Christenson

Kurt thanked People's Service for a thorough request for proposal. Kurt asked about engineering firms. Paul indicated that it is best to have the best engineer for the project and listed some of the firms they have utilized. Paul addressed the Board to bring up concerns to be addressed in services that are being provided in order to find a solution. Dale questioned the increase in the monthly rate. Paul described the difference between MPCA and County requirements for the permit and would like to add the MPCA sampling with no additional cost. The additional sampling then brings an increase in cost due to the laboratory work involved with the additional sampling. Discussion on the additional sampling, how to use this information, and the cost for the additional sampling. Paul went on to state that the rate is a reflection of the inflationary increase, but is subject to negotiation for the contract. The Board discussed frustration with ongoing issues, asking questions, and not having immediate support. Some of the concerns have been discussed for some time. Paul asked that the Board tag him on emails to push along the support and developing a resolution. Paul feels that the communication level between the Township and People's Services could be better. Tarah asked about the licensures on the proposal.

The Board discussed the proposals, but determined to make the decision at the March meeting, to allow for time to consider the information gathered tonight.

Tarah made a motion to adjourn. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Ellefson, Clerk

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