

## VILLAGE OF MOSCOW REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

May 3, 2021

Public hearing called to order by Mayor Suter, with roll call by Bill Gilpin:

English – Present                      Forbes – Present                      Roark – Present  
Turner – Present                      Gorth - Present                      Caudill - Present  
Mayor Suter – Present                      Andrew Gephardt, Village Administrator-Present  
Bill Gilpin, Fiscal Officer –Present      Emily Supinger - Present

Also present –Joe DaGiau, Lisa Nichols, Tracey Suter, Rick Beasley, Steve Roark, Greg Martineck, Patricia Bailey, Matthew Hurst, Joel Knueven, Jack Roark

Mayor Suter opened the public hearing at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Suter read aloud the titles of the two ordinances that will implement a monthly charge for trash collection and sewer fees. Mayor Suter also explained how the village revenue has steadily declined over the past several years.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Greg Martineck asked if the fees would be charged for each lot. Mayor Suter replied no, it will be charged per household.

Mayor Suter noted that the charge will be \$20 per month each for trash collection and sewer fee.

Rick Beasley asked how much Rumpke charges annually. Bill Gilpin replied approximately \$20,000.

Rick Beasley asked about the future of the dumpsters. Mayor Suter noted that moving forward dumpster use will need to be monitored more closely.

Todd English asked who will be responsible for the utility billing. Mayor Suter responded that a contractor will be hired for the billing.

Phil Turner also noted that mayor and council will be taking a 50% pay cut this evening and confirmed that the village's revenue will continue to decline further in the future.

Mayor Suter noted that Washington Twp. and Luminant have contributed \$5,000 for the July 3 fireworks event.

Phil Turner reported that the village will be having projects for sidewalks and playground equipment beginning soon that is being funded by grants.

Joe DaGiau asked if the sidewalk along the riverfront will be happening. Andrew Gephardt replied yes.

Danny Freeman asked when the new charges will take effect. Mayor Suter replied July 1.

Mayor Suter explained that any lot that has a sewer tap on it will be charge the monthly fee.

Butch Forste asked what about a lot that has an unused sewer tap but no water meter. Mayor Suter noted that a situation like that will need to be looked into further.

Greg Martineck reported that he will remove the water and sewer taps on vacant property he owns.

Mayor Suter noted that the village will cap off any sewer line a property owners requests but that if in the future it needs to be reconnected it will be expensive to do so.

Mayor Suter closed the public hearing at 6:22pm.

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
TIM SUTER, MAYOR

ATTESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
BILL GILPIN, FISCAL OFFICER