

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING NOTES OF May 6, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Christensen. Present: Bahle, Christensen, Lutke (8:40), Perkins, Suppes, Smith & Yoder Absent: Staff present: Miller, Petroskey& Larrea

Reports: Miller stated that the crew is doing routine maintenance on the headwork building. Rob noted that the Audit was held last week and Lorrie did a fantastic job.

Agenda: Bill Perkins motioned Smith seconded to amend the agenda to add two items to New Business B) North Park Launch Fee and C) Electric Vehicle Chargers. Motion Carried 5-1

Committee Member Information: Smith stated that the planning commission was working on Master Plan priorities and she should have a completed list to share soon.

Public Comment: No public present.

New Business:

A. VSB-2025-16 Water Rate Increase

Committee was presented with a report from the DPW Director and the Village Manager. The report recommended that water rates be raised incrementally starting with the July 1, billing. Council members noted it had been 17 years since an increase in the utility billing. Committee asked that a newsletter be sent out to residents on the Village email blast notifying them of the proposed increase and the Village Council meeting scheduled for May 19, 2025.

B. North Park Boat Launch Fees

Perkins asked that the committee consider making a recommendation to Council to waive the \$5 launch fees for Village residents. Committee members did not feel the rate was excessive and the request was not supported.

## C. Electric Vehicle Charges

Perkins asked that committee make Electric Vehicle charging stations a priority. Perkins made a motion to pass a resolution encouraging council to place electric vehicle charging stations in the Village. The Motion had no support.

Committee noted that we should not prioritize our own wishes or pet projects.

The consensus of making Electric Charging stations a priority was 6-1 against a resolution.

Public Comment: None

Smith asked if there was any progress on the Silver Tree building. She added that she supported Peninsula Housing proposal for affordable housing at the school.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m. Meeting notes submitted by Dorothy Petroskey, Clerk.