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Regular Board Meeting

March 8, 2018

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Linger at 5:08 pm

Members Present: Bill Linger, Harry Harsha, Kevin Downs, Roman Gillitzer, Lynn Stutzman

Employees Present: Scott Waltner, Pam Cunningham

Guest Present: None

Approval of Minutes for December 14, 2017: Harry Harsha made a motion to approve minutes as read and was seconded by Kevin Downs. The motion was approved unanimously.

Budget:

- Cash \$131,105.68
- Income \$617,592.59 91%
- Expenses \$341,690.49 63%

Old Business

Columbus Concrete – Letter from John Counter regarding the number of Solid Waste Assessments – Scott Waltner informed the Board that John Counter was willing to pay his assessment for the business, but wanted to look at a lower number, based on how much garbage he actually generates. Scott Waltner informed the Board that 2 assessments would be fine for Columbus Concrete.

After further discussion, Kevin Downs made a motion to recommend to the BOCC that Solid Waste invoice Columbus Concrete for 2 assessments instead of 3. Harry Harsha seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Earl Linger Lease Agreement – Scott Waltner stated that he had talked with Earl Linger about a new lease. Earl agreed to putting a fence around site and putting in some gravel. Earl did not want an increase in rent.

After some discussion, Harry Harsha made a motion to recommend the BOCC sign another 10 year lease with Earl Linger. Roman Gillitzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Groundwater Monitoring Report for Closed Landfill – Scott Waltner attached a letter from DOWL stating that all water testing came back good. There were no big hits on anything. Scott Waltner stated that he spoke with DOWL and requested they send a letter to the DEQ to see about monitoring every 3-4 years since there have been no hits for many years.

New Business

Reminder – Bill Linger & Roman Gillitzer terms are up in 2018.

Budget – Scott Waltner discussed the budget problems with the Board. In a previous fiscal year 2013-2014, the auditors stated that Solid Waste had too much money and needed to spend some. The way the budget works, there really wasn't that much money. A comparison between previous years income verses expenses was presented to the Board. The budget was discussed.

Increase Solid Waste Assessment in District and Out of District – Scott Waltner stated he would like to increase the Out of District permits first, before increasing the Solid Waste Assessment for in district users.

After further discussion, Harry Harsha made a motion to recommend the BOCC change Policy 8.0 and increase Out of District Permits to \$175.00. Lynn Stutzman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Increase Charges for Roll-off Box Mileage & Dump Fee – Scott Waltner distributed a comparison between Stillwater County and two other competitors' charges for roll-off boxes. Stillwater County was about half the price of its competitors.

After discussion, Harry Harsha made a motion to recommend the BOCC change Policy 8.0 and increase mileage to \$2.50 and the Dump Fee to \$500.00. Kevin Downs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Low Income Percentage for PTAP – Scott Waltner explained that the percentages for low income or PTAP reduction in property taxes are 80%, 50% or 30%. The Montana Disabled Veterans percentages for reduction in property taxes are 100%, 80%, 70%, or 50%. The Solid Waste assessment if someone qualifies for one of these programs is a reduction of 50%.

After discussion, Lynn Stutzman made a motion to recommend the BOCC approve the reduction on the Solid Waste Assessment to be the same as the percentage the property taxes are reduced. Roman Gillitzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

DOR Business as Usual – Scott Waltner stated he had talked with the Department of Revenue about their workload since there were reductions in the workforce. The Department of Revenue informed him that it would be business as usual.

Solid Waste Assessments – John Duncan, Tax ID #40095 – Remove tax assessment and requested refund for prior years back to 2012 – Scott Waltner informed the Board that the house is not inhabitable. You could see through the siding, the house is gutted. Scott spoke with the owner and there are no utilities hooked up to the house.

After further discussion, Lynn Stutzman made a motion to recommend the BOCC approve removing the Solid Waste assessment from Tax ID #40095. Roman Gillitzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment – None

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm – Lynn Stutzman made a motion to adjourn and Harry Harsha seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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