October 25, 2023

Versailles Village Workshop Meeting Held at EMS Facility

Mayor Subler called the Workshop Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call found the following Council Members present: Mr. Paulus, Mr. Dammeyer, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Griesdorn, Mr. Steinbrunner, and Mr. Gigandet. Also present was Village Administrator Busse and Fiscal Officer Ording.

Mr. Trey Sheperd of Sawvel & Associates, Inc. presented the 2023 Electric Business Plan for the Village. The study was prepared in order to prepare a business plan for 2024 through 2028, update a power supply plan costs and capital forecast, prepare cost of services analysis, review and assess adequacy of rate structure and recommend a new rate plan. Historical and projected data was used in the report for operating and non-operating expenses, debt service, and capital expenditures for the electric fund. He explained that changes since the 2015 rate study included that last rate change in 2017 and PCR charges were applied in 2023 to recover power supply costs. System load growth required capital needs; therefore, some capital projects were deferred, increasing fund balance. Other changes since 2015 included greater inflation and supply chain impacts increasing costs. The 2024 through 2028 plan forecasts increased capital needs driven by system load growth and reliability. The Village will eventually need a third substation to serve customer load. The rate plan includes assumptions regarding funding of a third substation plus additional capital needs. The impending capital expenses will be funded with a combination of financing, available cash and revenue-funded improvements. Other components of the proposed plan include revenue neutral rate adjustments, which results in a 0% increase. The adjustments are designed to meet rate plan goals to include funds for power supply, capital expenses, and for the flexibility to fund capital needs including a third substation. Customer connection fees, security light fees, disconnect/reconnect fees, and meter testing fees will need to be adjusted in order to meet the cost of service. The new rates would reflect power supply costs in the rate plan period while at the same time, be competitive with neighboring utilities.

The analysis was prepared with a plan for 2024 - 2028. Administration and consultants will review the plan annually and make adjustments if needed. The business plan is designed for the Village to provide reliable power with rates that are fair to all customers.

With no further business to conduct Mr. Paulus made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Steinbrunner seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas.

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.	
Jeffry A. Subler, Mayor	Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer