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# Village of New Madison

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## Council Meeting April 17, 2023 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Schlechty. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present for the meeting were Gail Farmer, Jim Lawrence, Lexie Cook, Chad Begoon, Tami Bruner

Visitors: Brian Anderson

Lawrence motioned to accept the March 20<sup>th</sup> minutes; second by Begoon. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Begoon, Bruner Motion passed

Lawrence motioned to accept the cash summary by fund, appropriations payment register, revenue receipt register and March 2023 bank reconciliation; second by Cook. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Begoon, Bruner Motion passed

**Public:** No bids were received for sale of box truck.

**Mayor:** Schlechty reported on vandalism at the new water tower. Cook is getting quotes for lights, cameras and fencing. Schlechty reported on water main leaks on Main Street and Washington at Railroad St. Schlechty is looking at alternate financing for a splash pad through Jena Powell's office.

**Village Admin:**

**Solicitor:**

**Fiscal Officer:** 1<sup>st</sup> half real estate taxes received \$91,786.93. Washington Street Project going out for bids April 26<sup>th</sup> and bid opening May 9<sup>th</sup>. Tower driveway cost approximately \$200,000.00 with engineering costs 10% of construction costs. Ad for bids going out in May. Darke Metals contacted the office regarding 30 EDU's they are paying monthly for wastewater (30 x \$54.00 = \$1,620.00). EDU's were set in 2001 when plant was built. Darke Metals is not using the amount of water compared to FPE. Contacted Wayne Cannon with Rural Water and he stated council can adjust EDU's and monitor water usage. Water plant upgrades need to be addressed by council in a 5-10 year plan. Items needed for May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting turn in before April 28<sup>th</sup>. Office will be closed May 3-16.

**Sewage, Sanitation & Water:**  
**Streets & Infrastructures:**  
**Rescue Squad:**

**Ordinances/Resolutions:**

**Unfinished Business:** Bid opening for Wastewater Plant upgrade has been postponed until May. No bids were received for April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:** Lawrence motioned to reduce the wastewater 30 EDU's monthly to 15 EDU's monthly for Darke Metals and monitor water usage monthly if adjustments need to be made in the future; second by Begoon. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Begoon, Bruner

Motion passed

Sidewalk concerns addressed. Residents are responsible for replacing their sidewalks. If the village replaces sidewalks the cost would be assessed to homeowner's real estate taxes. Mayor Schlechty will be sending out letters addressing this concern.

Begoon shared a concern of a fire hydrant flag that had fallen over onto the sidewalk and could have caused someone to be hurt and they should be securely attached.

Bruner motioned to adjourn at 6:41 p.m.; second by Lawrence.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting is May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.