

**Village of Rapids City**  
**March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025**  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting**

Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss:

- Town Hall – State of the Village  
Rates of the Water and Sewer Services

President Mire called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 6:30pm.

Roll Call:

Physically Present: Rankin, Robertson, Fiems, DeMarlie, Fowler, Polenske (entered 6:31) and Mire

Absent: None.

Others:

Physically Present: Clerk Housenga, Public Works Director Bump, Mike Housenga, Robert Hawkins, John Long, Angel Jacobs of MSA Professional Services, Steve and Donna Enright, Jill Tegeler, Nick Peschang, Josh Webber, Joseph Sand

Virtually: None

Mire opened this Meeting by thanking those in attendance for coming. Then moved the meeting along by discussing sewer services. Mire gave some historical information as to the partnership with East Moline to process our sewer waste as well as the 4 other municipalities. Mire went on to report data East Moline has published concerning urgent upgrades and future upgrades that their system is needing. The needed upgrades are driving the rate increases East Moline is imposing which are in 2025 of 17.64%, 2026 of 17.54%, 2027 of 15.53%, 2028 of 15.08% and 2029 of 12.54%. Mire then explained service lines for sewer within the Village and along the way to the East Moline Sewer Processing Plant are the responsibility of the Village of Rapids City to maintain. The Village can not absorb the full 17.54% increase. The board will be deciding on how much the sewer costs its residents and business owners will be billed in the future.

Mire then moved the meeting on by discussing the state of the water system and funding. At this time there is currently a study being conducted by the Illinois Rural Water Association to determine the ideal water rates for the village. Mire detailed issues with the water system control panel and the costs required to remedy the issues. The 17th Street project did include water system upgrades that were needed to make the roadway improvements possible. Additionally, the water tower needs to be rehabilitated inside and out, which is projected to cost in excess of \$650,000.00. A significant increase in water services will be required to pay for the improvements that have been made and that are needed. The village is not at its borrowing capacity currently, Mire would like to see reserving that for any emergency that may develop. Mire states the village has grown its housing by 6% in the past 10 years and maintained its same staffing numbers. The board has done everything within its power to maintain a fiscally responsible rate, but an increase is inevitable.

Mire opened the meeting to public questions and statements.

Before concluding this meeting, Mire once again thanked everyone for coming and their input. Mire reiterated special correspondence will be sent to everyone within the village with rate notifications and any municipal updates.

Robertson motioned to adjourn this Committee of the Whole Meeting; Rankin seconded. All present members of the board concurred, motion passes. President Mire adjourned by consensus of the Board at 7:09pm.

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Missy M. Housenga  
Village Clerk