

Village of Rapids City  
March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Committee of the Whole Meeting

Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss:

- 2025/2026 Budget Planning – Review of all funds, income and expenditures, prior to presenting rough draft; Water and Sewer Ordinance; Purchase of a trailer; Purchase of new truck.

Richard Fiems called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 6:06pm. President Mire arrived at the meeting at 6:22pm

Roll Call:

Physically Present: Polenske, Robertson, Fowler, Peschang, DeMarlie, Fiems, and Mire

Absent:

Others:

Physically Present: Treasurer Barber, Clerk Housenga. Director Bump

Virtually: None

This meeting was opened by reviewing documentation provided by Clerk Housenga which indicated desired expenditures, income for next fiscal year, current year expense and income standings for aid in planning the next fiscal year budget and a report on a repair needed as identified by Public Works Director Bump.

Mire thoroughly reviewed each department's income and expense sections of the next fiscal year budget with the board making slight changes as needed. Clerk Housenga noted due to Mire's desire to obtain a closer more accurate budget for regular expenses a line item was added to each department expense section to allow for emergency repairs. Clerk Housenga will type up the rough draft of the budget to present at the April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting for review prior to final passage on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

The board decided to change the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting discussion topics to now be held to discuss and review all funds, income and expenditures, prior to presenting rough draft; Water and Sewer Ordinances; purchase of a trailer; purchase of new truck. The board agreed to schedule another budget planning meeting for April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at which the rough draft of the budget will be presented. During review the board discussed and decided for proper budgeting no snowbird options will be given going forward for those that travel during the winter months.

Bump has identified an issue with the boat launch area of Schuler's Shady Grove which is in need of desperate repair. At this point both sides of the launch are open but not for long as damage to a boater's vehicle or trailer could occur if repairs are not completed. Bump did try to attempt to obtain multiple bids for the repair but only had one available at this meeting. Ironsite quoted \$12,172.00 to dewater the area around the boat ramp, sawcut and replace slab with new rebar. This quote did note that prevailing wage rates were utilized. Bump was hoping to include this repair on the next fiscal year budget. Mire wished to discuss this matter at the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting as these repairs could be considered an emergency due to the fact that damage could possibly occur to users property. The matter will be added to the agenda for the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Fowler motioned to purchase a new 2026 Ford F550 fully outfitted with a Monroe plow in the amount not to exceed \$127,000.00, purchase is to occur in the 2027 fiscal year. Robertson seconded the motion, all board members voted yes, motion passes.

Fiems motioned to purchase a new 2026 Heartland 7' x 16' utility trailer from 3D Trailer and Auto Sales during this fiscal year. Polenske seconded the motion and all board members voted yes, motion carries.

Fiems motioned to adjourn this Committee of the Whole Meeting; Fowler seconded. All members of the board concurred, motion passes. President Mire adjourned by consensus of the Board at 8:18pm.

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Missy M. Housenga  
Village Clerk