

Village of Rapids City
April 1st, 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 the current ordinances for water and sewer utility rates. Clerk Housenga provided the board with a consumption study to aide in determining new utility rates. All new water and sewer utility rates will go into effect on June 1st, 2026. All water supplied to properties within the Village of Rapids City will cost \$35.00 monthly for the first 1,000 gallons or less consumed, for properties located outside of village limits the monthly cost will be \$44.25. Billing for additional water usage in excess of 1,000 gallons will be billed at \$3.78 per 1,000 gallons no matter if user is within village limits. Annually on May 1st of each year a 5% rate increase shall take effect on the water usage. As for the sewer utility services the minimum monthly charge for users within Rapids City limits will be \$35.00 and users outside of Rapids City limits will be \$52.00 per month, this rate will include 1,000 gallons per month or less. Sewer usage in excess of 1,000 gallons in one given month will be at a rate of 7.63 per 1,000 gallons. Annually on May 1st of each year a 5.5% rate increase shall take effect. Going forward all non-metered residential and non-residential users of the wastewater facilities shall pay a minimum flat rate charge per month adequate to cover the costs of the minimum service charge, the minimum service charge and the basic user rate of \$7.63 per 1,000 gallons. The flat rate charge will allow a maximum of 10,000 gallons per month. The monthly flat rate charge will be \$93.00 per month. This rate will be effective June 1st, 2026. The previous detailed rates were motioned for passage by Fiems and seconded by DeMarlie. All board members voted yes to pass the ordinance changes, motion carries.

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 7th, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting for review prior to final passage on April 14th, 2026.

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 concrete and 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 7th 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 7th 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.

Missy M. Housenga
Village Clerk