

**VILLAGE OF THREE OAKS PUBLIC HEARING – DATE: 08-11-21**

**A Motion was made to close the regular (in-person) Council Meeting and enter into the Public Hearing at 7:06 pm. This Public Hearing is to consider an increase of the Water usage rates. Moved: Hinman Supported: Thomas Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0 MOTION CARRIED. \*\*NOTE\*\*** The regular Council meeting and Public Hearing were held “in-person” in the upper level at Froehlich’s Event Center located at 19 N. Elm Street (next door to Village Hall). Council Members present were accounted for when roll was called for the Regular Council Meeting. Present: Kramer, Thomas, Hinman, Newquist, Ream, Smith Absent: Graziano.

Per **Village Manager, Faulkner**, there was no correspondence received.

**Village Manager, Faulkner** said that copper and lead testing still needs to be done and funding will be needed for that project. He stated that another round of grant applications is coming up in February/March, 2022 and that if a rate increase is approved, it will put the Village in a better position for consideration of being awarded grant money. He said that the PSC (Public Service Committee) had reviewed and discussed the analysis of rates that arrived at the \$6.41 (proposed) rate. **Council Member, Ream** asked if businesses that use more water shouldn’t be charged more. **Village Manager, Faulkner** said that if R-T-S rates were changed, that larger meter users would be charged more. **Council Member, Ream** stated that higher demand creates more demand on the water system. **Audience Member, Dennis Wojtczak** asked if R-T-S rates would remain the same – the answer is “yes” – only water usage rates are being considered for an increase. Council Members had more discussion regarding the (proposed) rate increase stating that the revenue generated from the Water usage rates is used for the operation and maintenance of the water system. They said that water usage rates have not increased in many years, but that costs to operate and maintain the system continually increase. The revenue generated needs to more closely align with the actual costs. **A Motion was made to close the Public Hearing and re-enter into the regular (in-person) Council meeting at 7:19 pm. Moved: Newquist Supported: Thomas Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Submitted by:

Cynthia E. Moynihan  
Three Oaks Village Clerk  
Minutes for the 08-11-21 Public Hearing  
Were **APPROVED** at the 09-08-21 Council Meeting