

ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Public Hearing for Sanitary Fee Schedule Increase

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Chris Mayer called the Public Hearing to order at 9:40 a.m. on October 8, 2009, at the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Conference Rooms #2 & #3.

Members Present: Chris Mayer, Jack Harrison, Bob Egan, Maynard Bedish.

Members Absent: Fred Radtke.

Others Present: Dawn Schmidt, Zoning Administrator; Tammy Baughman, Secretary; Eric Johnson.

Dawn explained that our "base" fee schedule charges have not been addressed for 10 years. Last year the schedule was raised only to cover the State's mandatory groundwater surcharge fee increase of \$25.00 (we had to send \$25.00 more to the State on each permit). A \$100.00 charge for Unanswered Maintenance Requests is added for costs incurred during non-compliance enforcement.

Chris asked for any public comments. Maynard questions raising fees. Chris said the State raised their fees without taking on any further responsibilities, just due to economic times; and we are not increasing ours any more than the State. Jack said it is not the right time to do an increase.

No public comments were made. Chris brought the discussion back to the table. Amount of increase, percentage of new systems and state aid were discussed.

Motion by Jack Harrison, second by Bob Egan to approve the Sanitary Fee Schedule increase. Different types permit fees and timing of this increase was further discussed. Dawn said the committee never really wants to raise fees, in good times or bad. Maynard states we have to go further, permits are down, we need to look at people in the office and payroll. Chris states the responsibilities for employees have increased and that is not a decision for this committee.

Motion by Jack Harrison, second by Bob Egan to approve the Sanitary Fee Schedule increase (repeating the motion made earlier). Chris Mayer, Jack Harrison, Bob Egan vote aye, Maynard Bedish votes nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Egan, second by Jack Harrison to adjourn. All aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:55a.m.