

*Village of Fall Creek*  
*Minutes of Special Village Board Meeting*  
*September 28, 2022*

1. **Call to Order:** 5:00 p.m., Village Hall Meeting Room, 122 E. Lincoln Ave., Fall Creek
2. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Village President Tim Raap, Trustees Chester Goodman, Karen Herbison, Karen Hurd, Sheena Kaatz. Members Absent: Ryan Aylesworth, Matt Mattoon. Staff Present: Village Administrator/Public Works Director Jared McKee, Clerk/Treasurer Renee Roemhild.
3. **Certify Open Meeting Law Requirements Have Been Met:** A notice of the meeting and the agenda was posted at the three public places and local newspapers were notified.
4. **Adopt Agenda:**
  - MOTION (Hurd/Herbison) to adopt the agenda as printed. PASSED, without negative vote.
5. **Review Draft Water Rate Case Proposal from Public Service Commission of Wisconsin for Possible Comment:** President Tim Raap reviewed the water rate case process with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC), stating we received the proposal from the PSC as to what they think the rates should be based on their analysis of the numbers we submitted in our application. Raap stated this meeting is to review their recommendations and if we want any changes or are requesting anything different than what the PSC has in their proposal, we have five days to notify them. If we accept their proposal, a date will be set for the public hearing at which time the public can make official comments on the proposed rate increase. After public comment is finished, the Board will make a motion regarding the rate increase which will be the final step in the process.

Administrator Jared McKee went through the details of the PSC revenue requirement and the PSC's proposal which calls for a 43% rate increase. McKee explained the percentage reflects the increase in the water rates only; when factoring in the sewer and garbage utilities, it calculates to an increase of approximately 17% overall, which for the average residential customer amounts to approximately \$17/month. The last water rate increase was over 7 years ago. Both operational and capital costs have increased significantly since then, with costs being more difficult for a smaller municipality to manage as there aren't as many customers to spread the cost out over. Board discussion took place with the consensus being that no one wants to raise the rates, but the numbers show that a solution is needed.

6. **Adjournment:** @ 5:55 p.m.

Renee Roemhild, Clerk-Treasurer