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**Village of Elm Grove
Finance and Licensing
Special Meeting
November 15, 2021**

Present: Glenn Schrubbe, George Haas, Ben Haas, Martha Kendler, and John Domaszek
Also Present: Staff members-Monica Hughes, Dave De Angelis

Mr. Haas called the meeting to order at 1:00pm

Review and possible action on Village of Elm Grove solid waste services and 2022 user fees

The Village received notice from John's Disposal that as of the termination of the current contract which will end on 3/31/22 they will not be able to continue under the same terms. They have requested a substantial increase to meet their rising costs. The Village has been under contract with Johns for the last seven years and has the option to continue for 3 additional years. Both parties have the ability to give proper notice if they do not wish to continue and Johns has now provided notice. Staff has been discussing what they would require to continue and they have offered to continue service at \$18.95 per month, up from our current fee of \$12.03. This increase would begin 4/1/22. Due to the challenge of obtaining bids, the limited vendors that provide up the drive service (2- Johns and GFL), facing possible changing levels of service staff requested the special meeting to consider an increase to the proposed 2022 user fee to allow service through 2022 and investigating options for future years.

The committee discussed John's request, the reason for the large increase and comparison to other communities. Staff had the costs for two communities and the City of Brookfield and all are more in the range of John's new proposed rate. There was also discussion on looking into our current recycling program with the County and possible options that may provide us with future funding to offset these fees. The committee was concerned that with this increase our resident fees for service on each tax bill will be just over \$1,000. They emphasized using our communication sources to inform and educate the residents on our fees and comparison to other communities.

Glenn Schrubbe and Martha Kendler moved and seconded to recommend the increase in the 2022 user fee and incorporate this change in the 2022 budget to be considered by the Village Board at its November 22, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Other Business

There was no other business

Adjournment

Martha Kendler and John Domaszek moved and seconded to adjourn at 1:40 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully,
Monica L. Hughes