

## **TRAER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES**

The Board of Trustees of the Traer Municipal Utilities met in regular session on **Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> 2025** in Traer Municipal Hall.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairman Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM; with trustees, Dostal and McEwen present. O'Brien and Chairman Podhajsky were absent.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Vice Chair Barnes suggested moving the water rate adjustment conversation up before the 25/26 budget conversation. MOTION by McEwen, seconded by Dostal, that the Agenda, with suggested change, is approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION by McEwen, seconded by Dostal, that the Consent Agenda is approved; Minutes of the January 2nd, 2025 meeting and Jan Checks (#37542-37590); and 3 ACH payments (1092025, 1152025, 1212025); total expenditures of \$303,136.01. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **CONSIDER WATER RATE ADJUSTMENTS**

The board members discussed a water rate increase of 5% beginning 7/1/2025 and then increasing by 4.5% annually every July until 7/1/2028. The raise in rates will help TMU move forward with a water plant update that's planned in the near future. MOTION by Dostal, seconded by McEwen, to approve RESOLUTION 02-06-25-01 adopting a rate schedule for water customers served by the Traer Municipal Utilities. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **CONSIDER 25/26 BUDGET**

Board members reviewed the prepared 25/26 budget as presented to them by Pat Stief and Haley Blaine. This is a pretty "normal" budget as no large projects or items are expected to take place or be purchased next fiscal year. Wages were adjusted to show an increase of 3% after looking at COLA and CPI numbers. MOTION by Dostal, seconded by McEwen to approve the FY 25/26 budget draft as presented. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.  
Check Register attached

Nick Podhajsky, Board Chairman  
Haley Blaine, Board Secretary