

PUBLIC NOTICE and OPPORTUNITY  
FOR COMMENT

The Benton County Public Works Department proposes to reconstruct approximately 5.1 miles of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 7 between State Highway 95 and CSAH 4. This project is adjacent to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Bibles Slough Wildlife Management Area (WMA). Currently, the Benton County is in the design phase of this reconstruction project. The County proposes to maintain the existing 12-foot driving lanes and widen the existing two-foot shoulders to six-foot shoulders. The existing 66 feet of right of way is being extended on either side of the highway to 120 feet width of right-of-way (60 feet each direction of center-line). A permanent easement through the DNR Bibles Slough WMA is necessary to widen the shoulders from two-foot to six-foot.

In accordance with Section 6009 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) Public Law 109-59, enacted August 10, 2005, Benton County is soliciting comments on the effects this project would have on the DNR Bibles Slough Wildlife Management Area. The project will impact 0.314 acres of the western edge of the WMA.

It is anticipated that Benton County will request the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to determine that the proposed action at Bibles Slough WMA is a Section 4(f) de minimis action in accordance with Section 6009(a) of SAFETEA-LU. A de minimis finding may be made when uses of Section 4(f) land will have no adverse effect on the protected resources.

Information on this impact and avoidance, minimization, mitigation or enhancement measures is available at the following locations:

Benton County Public Works  
7752 Highway 25 NE  
Foley, MN 56329

Great River Regional Library - Foley  
251 N. 4th Ave  
Foley, Minnesota 56329

Comments must be submitted on or before April 30, 2024 to Mark Loidolt, Benton County Project Manager, PO Box 247, 7752 Hwy 25 NE, Foley, MN 56329; 320-968-5052; MLoidolt@co.benton.mn.us. Comments will become part of the official record and will be considered when making future project related decisions.

R-15-1B

STATE OF MINNESOTA

*Before the*  
**BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SITTING AS THE ROAD AUTHORITY FOR  
BENTON COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAY NO. 7 and  
crossing DITCH NOs. 9 BRANCH 1, 9 MAIN TRUNK  
LINE, 12, 13 AND 15 BRANCH 2**

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**In the Matter of:  
the MINOR ALTERATION of  
BENTON COUNTY  
DITCH NOs. 9 BRANCH 1, 9  
MAIN TRUNK LINE, 12, 13  
AND 15 BRANCH 2**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Board of Commissioners of the Benton County sitting as the road authority for Benton County **STATE AID HIGHWAY NO. 7**, shall hold a public hearing pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 163.17 on the resolution adopted by the Benton County Board of Commissioners on March 5, 2024:

A. It is advantageous or desirable in the maintenance of CSAH 7 to make a minor alteration or change in a public ditch system **COUNTY DITCH Nos. 9 BRANCH 1, 9 MAIN TRUNK LINE, 12, 13 AND 15 BRANCH 2** directly affecting the highway, and

B. That the alteration or change will not affect the functioning or efficiency of the ditch system.

The March 5, 2024, resolution and plan showing in detail the alteration or change therein described are on file in the Benton County Auditor Treasurer's Office and at Benton County Public Works office at 7752 Highway 25 NE, Foley, MN 56329.

The hearing shall be held at 10:00 a.m. on May 7, 2024, at the Benton County Boardroom at the Benton County Government Center, at 531 Dewey Street, Foley, MN 56329. All interested parties may appear and be heard.

/s/ Christine Scherbing  
Christine Scherbing, Auditor-Treasurer  
Dated: April 2, 2024  
R-14-3B

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

Notice is hereby given that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 1, 2021

MORTGAGOR: Virgil Krueger, a single person  
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for NewRez LLC  
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded: December 2, 2021  
Benton County Recorder  
Document #: 457189

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:

Said mortgage was assigned to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing on March 9, 2023, and said assignment was recorded on March 9, 2023 and given document number 465315.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

ALL THAT PART OF BLOCK "F" IN EAST ST. CLOUD AND OF LOT 46 OF AUDITOR'S 1916 SUBDIVISION OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 36, RANGE 31, (NOW A PART OF THE CITY OF ST. CLOUD), DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF BLOCK 24 OF EAST ST. CLOUD; THENCE S O U T H E A S T E R L Y ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID BLOCK 24 PRODUCED FOR A DISTANCE OF 33 FEET TO THE CENTER LINE OF SECOND STREET

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

SOUTHEAST; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG SAID CENTER LINE OF SAID SECOND STREET SOUTHEAST PRODUCED FOR A DISTANCE OF 47 FEET; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES NORTHERLY AND PARALLEL WITH SAID EASTERLY LINE OF BLOCK 24 FOR A DISTANCE OF 133 FEET; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES WESTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH THE CENTER LINE OF SAID SECOND STREET SOUTHEAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 47 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH SAID EASTERLY LINE OF SAID BLOCK 24; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID EASTERLY LINE OF SAID BLOCK 24 FOR A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, AND THERE TERMINATING  
PARCEL ID #: 17.00375.00  
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 523 2nd Street SE, Saint Cloud, MN 56304  
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
TRANSACTION AGENT ID NO.: 100754400003973086  
LENDER OR BROKER: NewRez LLC  
R E S I D E N T I A L MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: N/A  
CURRENT MORTGAGE SERVICER: NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing  
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Benton  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$122,735.00  
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING

TAXES, IF ANY PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$120,925.47  
That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/ Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; that no Mortgagors have been released from financial obligation on said Mortgage; that no action or proceeding has been instituted by law to recover that debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof; that all conditions precedent to foreclose of the Mortgage and acceleration of the debt secures thereby have been fulfilled;

PURSUANT to the power of sale therein contained, said Mortgage will be foreclosed and the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 2, 2024 at 10:00 am

PLACE OF SALE: Benton County Sheriff's Office, Front Lobby, 581 Highway 23, Foley, MN 56329

to pay the debt the debt then secured by the Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of sale by the mortgagor, their personal representatives or assigns.

DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minnesota Statutes section 580.30 of the property redeemed under Minnesota Statutes sections 580.23 is

November 2, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

M O R T G A G O R RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None  
THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S P E R S O N A L REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.  
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
Dated: March 5, 2024

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing  
Mortgagee  
Kenneth J. Johnson  
Minnesota State Bar No. 0246074  
Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
30 N. LaSalle St., Suite 3650  
Chicago, IL 60602  
Phone 312-541-9710  
Fax 312-541-9711  
R-10-6B

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: American Heritage National Bank

R E S I D E N T I A L MORTGAGE SERVICER: Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.

M O R T G A G E D PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1413 3rd Avenue South, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 190137300

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lot Four (4), Block Seven (7), Sweet's Addition to Sauk Rapids, Benton County, Minnesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Benton

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$113,000.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$111,378.99

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/ Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT to the

power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: June 6, 2024 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Benton County Sheriff's Office, 581 Highway 23 Northeast Foley, MN

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on December 6, 2024, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

M O R T G A G O R ( S ) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

ON MORTGAGE: None  
"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S P E R S O N A L REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: April 2, 2024

Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.  
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee  
LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P.  
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee  
4500 Park Glen Road #300  
Minneapolis, MN 55416  
(952) 925-6888  
38 - 24-002236 FC  
IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

R-15-6B

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: June 26, 2020

MORTGAGOR: Hannah Heidebrink an unmarried woman and Aaron Wehlage an unmarried man.

M O R T G A G E E : Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Primelending, a Plainscapital Company its successors and assigns.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded July 27, 2020 Benton County Recorder, Document No. 444610.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC. Dated April 1, 2024 Recorded April 3, 2024, as Document No. 471061.

T R A N S A C T I O N AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

T R A N S A C T I O N AGENT’S MORTGAGE I D E N T I F I C A T I O N NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 100053680000205214

LENDER OR BROKER

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Primelending, a Plainscapital Company R E S I D E N T I A L MORTGAGE SERVICER: Carrington Mortgage Services LLC

M O R T G A G E D PROPERTY ADDRESS: 808 10th Avenue Northeast, Rice, MN 56367

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 150069600

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lot 6, Block 5 Fox Meadows

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Benton

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$226,262.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$ 212,893.75

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/ Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above

described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: June 6, 2024 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Benton County Sheriff’s Office, 581 Highway 23 Northeast Foley, MN

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys’ fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on December 6, 2024, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

M O R T G A G O R ( S ) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

ON MORTGAGE: None “THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR’S P E R S O N A L REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.”

Dated: April 4, 2024

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P. Attorneys for Mortgagee/ Assignee of Mortgagee 4500 Park Glen Road #300 Minneapolis, MN 55416 (952) 925-6888 85 - 24-002413 FC

IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: March 28, 2008

MORTGAGOR: Keith E. Olson and Tammy J. Lewandowski nka Tammy J. Olson, Husband and Wife.

MORTGAGEE: Citicorp Trust Bank, fsb.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded April 7, 2008 Benton County Recorder, Document No. A356358.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Towd Point Master Funding Trust 2019-PM1. Dated April 3, 2019 Recorded April 5, 2019, as Document No. 434964. And thereafter assigned to: Firstkey Mortgage, LLC. Dated June 4, 2020 Recorded June 15, 2020, as Document No. 443514. And thereafter assigned to: Towd Point Mortgage Trust 2019-3, U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee. Dated June 4, 2020 Recorded October 23, 2023, as Document No. 468848.

T R A N S A C T I O N AGENT: NONE

T R A N S A C T I O N AGENT’S MORTGAGE I D E N T I F I C A T I O N NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Citicorp Trust Bank, fsb

R E S I D E N T I A L

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

MORTGAGE SERVICER: Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.

M O R T G A G E D PROPERTY ADDRESS: 253 Elm Drive, Foley, MN 56329

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 13.00608.00

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

LOT EIGHTEEN (18) IN BLOCK FOUR (4) OF FOLEY DEVELOPMENT PLAT IN THE CITY OF FOLEY, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF ON FILE OR OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER IN AND FOR BENTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Benton

O R I G I N A L PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$136,800.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$108,817.94

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/ Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 21, 2024 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Benton County

Sheriff’s Office, 581 Highway 23 Northeast Foley, MN to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys’ fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on November 21, 2024, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

M O R T G A G O R ( S ) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

ON MORTGAGE:None “THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION

BY THE MORTGAGOR,

THE MORTGAGOR’S P E R S O N A L REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.”

Dated: March 20, 2024

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P. Attorneys for Mortgagee/ Assignee of Mortgagee 4500 Park Glen Road #300 Minneapolis, MN 55416 (952) 925-6888 38 - 23-004133 FC

IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

R-13-6B

CITY OF RICE, MINNESOTA  
SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the financial information concerning the City of Rice to interested citizens. The complete financial statements may be examined at the City Hall, 205 Main St E. Questions about this report should be directed to Julie Fandel, Clerk, at 320-393-2280.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR GENERAL OPERATIONS  
(GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS)

	Total 2023	Total 2022	Percent Increase (Decrease)
RECEIPTS			
Taxes	\$ 688,939	\$ 621,154	10.91%
Tax Increment	39,622	28,672	38.19%
Franchise Taxes	6,475	8,818	-26.57%
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	87,637	55,636	57.52%
Intergovernmental	498,738	370,135	34.74%
Charges for Services	110,463	157,543	-29.88%
Fines	13,049	21,929	-40.49%
Interest Income	7,623	1,916	297.86%
Loan Collections	300,000	-	100.00%
Miscellaneous	255,198	85,611	198.09%
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 2,007,744	\$ 1,351,414	48.57%
Per Capita	\$ 1,016.58	\$ 684.26	48.57%
DISBURSEMENTS			
Current:			
General Government	\$ 335,577	\$ 255,940	31.12%
Public Safety	574,352	500,052	14.86%
Public Works	177,507	150,556	17.90%
Parks and Recreation	37,217	26,868	38.52%
Economic Development	16,653	31,042	-46.35%
Capital Outlay	463,112	333,156	39.01%
Debt Service:			
Principal	200,000	25,000	700.00%
Interest and Other Charges	-	500	-100.00%
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 1,804,418	\$ 1,323,114	36.38%
Per Capita	\$ 913.63	\$ 669.93	36.38%
Total Long-term Indebtedness	\$ 57,346	\$ 57,346	0.00%
Per Capita	\$ 29.04	\$ 29.04	0.00%
General Fund Cash Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 740,518	\$ 619,675	19.50%
Per Capita	\$ 374.95	\$ 313.76	19.50%

CITY OF RICE, MINNESOTA  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Nonmajor Storm Water Fund	Totals
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,794,034	\$ 1,166,629	\$ 113,855	\$ 3,074,518
Accounts Receivable	21,226	24,957	2,748	48,931
Prepays	725	658	-	1,383
Total Current Assets	1,815,985	1,192,244	116,603	3,124,832
Noncurrent Assets				
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	24,300	162,336	-	186,636
Capital Assets Being Depreciated (Net)	527,756	1,154,880	-	1,682,636
Total Noncurrent Assets	552,056	1,317,216	-	1,869,272
TOTAL ASSETS	2,368,041	2,509,460	116,603	4,994,104
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Pensions	12,791	9,257	-	22,048
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	6,272	20,748	-	27,020
Salaries Payable	2,558	2,182	-	4,740
Accrued Interest	-	511	-	511
Compensated Absences Due Within One Year	5,809	2,939	-	8,748
Debt Due Within One Year	-	71,000	-	71,000
Total Current Liabilities	14,639	97,380	-	112,019
Noncurrent Liabilities				
Net Pension Liability	50,159	36,127	-	86,286
TOTAL LIABILITIES	64,798	133,507	-	198,305
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Pensions	17,618	12,689	-	30,307
NET POSITION				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	552,056	1,246,216	-	1,798,272
Unrestricted	1,746,360	1,126,305	116,603	2,989,268
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 2,298,416	\$ 2,372,521	\$ 116,603	\$ 4,787,540

CITY OF RICE, MINNESOTA  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION  
PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Nonmajor Storm Water Fund	Totals
OPERATING REVENUES				
Charges for Services	\$ 395,531	\$ 300,502	\$ 33,336	\$ 729,369
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Wages and Benefits	108,475	72,205	-	180,680
Materials and Supplies	23,116	22,975	-	46,091
Repairs and Maintenance	21,462	95,919	-	117,381
Professional Services	39,668	12,617	-	52,285
Insurance	4,738	3,965	-	8,703
Utilities	26,396	13,439	-	39,835
Miscellaneous	15,364	4,826	-	20,190
Depreciation	51,532	101,513	-	153,045
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	290,751	327,459	-	618,210
NET OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	104,780	(26,957)	33,336	111,159
NONOPERATING INCOME (EXPENSE)				
Special Assessments	331	331	-	662
Intergovernmental	10,006	5	-	10,011
Connection Fees	31,091	37,200	-	68,291
Investment Income	349	349	-	698
Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets	249	-	-	249
Miscellaneous	800	249	-	1,049
Interest and Other Charges	-	(2,288)	-	(2,288)
NET NONOPERATING INCOME (EXPENSE)	42,826	35,846	-	78,672
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	147,606	8,889	33,336	189,831
NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR	2,150,810	2,363,632	83,267	4,597,709
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	\$ 2,298,416	\$ 2,372,521	\$ 116,603	\$ 4,787,540

CITY OF RICE, MINNESOTA  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Nonmajor Storm Water Fund	Totals
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Cash Received from Customers	\$ 395,904	\$ 305,508	\$ 33,409	\$ 734,821
Cash Paid to Suppliers	(151,349)	(136,598)	-	(287,947)
Cash Paid to Employees	(99,783)	(77,298)	-	(177,081)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	144,772	91,612	33,409	269,793
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Taxes and Intergovernmental	10,006	5	-	10,011
Other Receipts from Customers	31,891	37,449	-	69,340
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	41,897	37,454	-	79,351
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Special Assessments	885	885	-	1,770
Purchases of Capital Assets	(6,000)	(6,000)	-	(12,000)
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	249	-	-	249
Payments on Bond Principal	-	(70,000)	-	(70,000)
Cash Paid for Interest	-	(2,792)	-	(2,792)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(4,866)	(77,907)	-	(82,773)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Investment Income	349	349	-	698
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	182,152	51,508	33,409	267,069
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	1,611,882	1,115,121	80,446	2,807,449
Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year	\$ 1,794,034	\$ 1,166,629	\$ 113,855	\$ 3,074,518

PUBLIC NOTICES

WATAB TOWNSHIP  
BENTON COUNTY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
ORDINANCE NO. 3  
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHARGES FOR  
FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES

The Board of Supervisors of Watab Township, Benton County, Minnesota ordains:

Section 1. Purposes and Intent

This Ordinance is adopted for the purpose of authorizing Watab Township (the “Town”) to charge for Fire and Emergency Services as authorized by Minn. Statutes §§ 366.011 and 366.012.

Section 2. Definitions

1. “Fire and Emergency Services” means any deployment of firefighting personnel, emergency medical personnel, and/or equipment to extinguish a fire or perform any preventative measure to protect equipment, life, or property in an area threatened by fire, or to provide fire suppression, rescue, extrication, medical, and any other services related to fire and rescue as may occasionally occur.

2. “Service Charge” means the charge imposed by the Town for receiving Fire and Emergency Services.

3. “Fire Protection Contract” means a contract between the Town and another jurisdiction which provides Fire and Emergency Services.

Section 3. Parties Affected

Persons or entities that utilize Fire and Emergency Services within the Town, regardless of residence.

Section 4. Rates

1. Residents of the Town who receive Fire and Emergency Services will be billed 75% of the amount charged to the Town by the Fire and Emergency Services provider pursuant to the Fire Protection Contract.

2. Non-residents of the Town who receive Fire and Emergency Services will be billed 100% of the amount charged to the Town by the Fire and Emergency Services provider pursuant to the Fire Protection Contract.

Section 5. Fire and Emergency Service Charges in General

1. The collection of Fire and Emergency Service response charges shall be pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 366.011 and any other applicable statute. Collection of unpaid service charges shall be as authorized in Minnesota Statute § 366.012 and any other applicable statute.

2. Parties requesting Fire and Emergency Services, parties receiving Fire and Emergency services, and owners of property upon which Fire and Emergency Services are performed may be billed directly by the Town if such Fire and Emergency Services are provided pursuant to the Fire Protection Contract. If Fire Department personnel deem a fire or other emergency situation exists, even if the parties did not request services, the parties will be charged and billed.

3. When a particular service rendered by the Fire and Emergency Services provider directly benefits more than one person or property, the owner of each property so benefited, and each person or entity so benefited (where the property protection only is not involved) shall be liable for the payment of a proportionate share of the full charge for such service as outlined herein.

4. All parties will be billed whether the Fire and Emergency Services are covered by insurance. Any billable amount of the service charge not covered by a parties’ insurance remains a debt of the party billed for such Fire and Emergency services.

5. Parties receiving an invoice for Fire and Emergency Services will have 30 days to pay. If the invoice is not paid within that period, the invoice will be considered delinquent, and interest will accrue at a rate of 1.5% per month.

6. If the Fire and Emergency Service charge remains unpaid for 30 days after the notice of delinquency is sent, the Town Board may, in addition to any remedies available under Minnesota law, on or before November 15 of each year, certify the unpaid Fire and Emergency Service charge to the County Auditor of the county in which the delinquent party owns real property for collection with property taxes levied against the property pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §§ 366.011 and 366.012. The County Auditor shall be responsible for remitting to the Town all charges and service charges collected on behalf of the Town. The Town must give the property owner written notice of its intent to certify the unpaid service charge

to the auditor by October 15. The service charge shall be subject to the same penalties, interest, and other conditions provided for the collection of property taxes.

7. The parties receiving the service shall be liable for all collection costs incurred by the Township including, but not limited to, administrative costs, attorneys’ fees, recording fees, and court costs.

8. Any party aggrieved by a charge authorized in this ordinance may appeal the charge as follows:

- a. Within the time period for which a bill is payable, the party shall file a written request with the Town Clerk setting forth specific reasons why the charge is improper.
- b. The Clerk shall notify the aggrieved party, in writing, of the time, place, and date the Town Board will hold a hearing on the issue.
- c. The Town Board may grant relief on appeal if it finds good cause and sufficient proof to satisfy the Board.
- d. The Town Board may extend the time for payment for a reasonable period.

Section 6. Application to Collections to Budget

All Fire and Emergency Services charges collected will be Town funds and used to offset the expenses of the Town in contracting for Fire and Emergency Services.

Section 7. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective and enforceable upon its publication in the Town’s official newspaper.

Section 8. Severeability

If any portion of this Ordinance is found unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of proper jurisdiction, all remaining provisions shall remain in effect and shall not be affected by the ruling on the invalid section.

Passed by the Watab Town Board this 19th day of March 2024.

Jesse Arndt, Chairperson  
Kathy Sauer, Clerk  
R-15-1B

REGULAR MEETING  
SAUK RAPIDS CITY COUNCIL  
SAUK RAPIDS GOVERNMENT CENTER,  
250 Summit Ave N.  
Monday, March 25, 2024  
6:00PM  
MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Kurt Hunstiger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda

Ross Olson requested to add Approve City Administrator/Department Head and Any Council Member

Attendance to Annual 2024 LMC Conference in Rochester as agenda item 9-K. Olson also requested to add Highway 15 Bridge Over Trunk Highway 10 Update as agenda item 11-B.

3. Approve the Agenda

Motion: Moved by Councilperson Sauer and seconded by Councilperson Thronson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approve Minutes

A. 3-11-2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion: Moved by Councilperson Thronson and seconded by Councilperson Ellering to approve the

3-11-2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Receive and File

A. 1-08-2024 EDA Meeting Minutes

Motion: Moved by Councilperson Thronson and seconded by Councilperson Ellering to receive and file the 1-08-2024 EDA Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Mayor’s Communications

• Oath of Office of Sauk Rapids Police Officers Dustin Berthiaume and Andrew Jensen-Mayor Hunstiger and Police Chief, Perry Beise, resided over the swearing in of Sauk Rapids Police Department’s newest officers, Dustin Berthiaume and Andrew Jensen.

• Life Saving Award for Sauk Rapids Police Officer(s)-Mayor Hunstiger and Assistant Police Chief Brent Bukowski presented Sauk Rapids Police Officers Masen Barton and Skylar Polston with a Life Saving Award. Assistant Chief Bukowski played the video from Officer Barton’s bodycam from the morning of January 25, 2024 when Officer Barton was the first responder to the scene of a house fire right outside of city limits with two individuals trapped inside. The video showed Officer Barton going above and beyond to save the lives of the two individuals trapped inside. Officer Barton was on the scene for 6 minutes before back up was able to arrive due to the treacherous winter roads that day. In this time, he risked his own well-being to save these two individuals. Officer Polston arrived on the scene just after Officer Barton had broken a window to attempt to get the two individuals out of the home. Assistant Chief Bukowski stated that with the bad road conditions it took 7 minutes for Benton County as well as the Sauk Rapids Fire Department to arrive on the scene. He noted that Officer Barton and Officer Polston acted with extreme calmness and compassion in rescuing these two individuals from the fire.

7. Audience Items/Visitors Total Time Limit 2 Minutes for Items NOT on the Agenda

NONE

8. Public Hearings

NONE

9. Consent Agenda

A. Approve and Authorize Selling City Equipment

B. Approve and Authorize Public Works to Advertise for 2024 Sealcoating Project

C. Approve and Authorize Amusement Permit for Greater St. Cloud Public Safety Foundation

D. Approve 2024 Captain Selections for the Fire Department

E. Approve Resolution Accepting Cash Donation

F. Approve Purchase of a Utility Trailer with Accepted Donations

G. Approve Swanberg Zoning Resolution Affirming Zoning Administrator’s Decision on Legal Non-Conformity Status

H. Approve Balloon Tower Exterior Cleaning

I. Approve Awarding the 2024 North Lift Station (LS #3) Rehabilitation

J. Approve Awarding the 2024 Railway Avenue Sewer Extension

K. Approve City Administrator/Department Head and Any Council Member Attendance to Annual 2024 LMC Conference in Rochester

Motion: Moved by Councilperson Thronson and seconded by Councilperson Seamans to approve consent agenda item 9A-9K. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Regular Agenda

NONE

11. Other Staff Items

A. 2024 Sauk Rapids Citizen of the Year Nomination-Ross Olson noted that nominations are now being accepted for the 2024 Sauk Rapids Citizen of the Year. Nomination forms can be found on the city website or at City Hall. Nominations are due no later than April 8th.

B. Highway 15 Bridge Over Trunk Highway 10 Update  
Ross Olson noted that the City was notified by MnDOT that the Highway 15 Bridge over Trunk Highway 10 is going to be re-done in 2026. MnDOT contacted City Engineer, Scott Hedlund, and Ross Olson, City Administrator, to discuss the aesthetics of this bridge. Olson discussed plans to possibly base the design on local stone/Sauk Rapids pink granite. He mentioned also possibly being able to have the City’s name or logo on the bridge on the caps or piers.

The City Council agreed by consensus to have staff continue to work with MnDOT to pick out a design.

12. Other Council Items and Communications

A. Thank You to Public Works for Snow Plowing Efforts—Councilperson Sauer extended his appreciation to the Sauk Rapids Public Works Department for all of their snow plowing efforts over the last few days.

B. Beltway Update from Area Planning Organization (APO)-Councilperson Seamans said that the Area Planning Organization (APO) will pay \$100,000 out of reserve and the City of St. Cloud is also going to pay \$100,000 toward the Beltway Project that she had discussed at a previous City Council meeting. Councilperson Seamans stated that there will be no assessments to the other cities at this time for the project.

13. Approve List of Bills and Claims

Motion: Moved by Councilperson Ellering and seconded by Councilperson Thronson to approve the List of Bills and Claims. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Adjournment

Motion: Moved by Councilperson Thronson and seconded by Councilperson Ellering to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hunstiger adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.  
R-15-1B

CITY OF SAUK RAPIDS/MINDEN TOWNSHIP  
JOINT PLANNING BOARD  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

City of Sauk Rapids/Sauk Rapids Township Joint Planning Board will meet on April 30, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, at the Sauk Rapids Government Center, 250 Summit Avenue North to consider the following matters that require a public hearing.

APPLICANT

Gary and Pam Benoit

PURPOSE

To consider a Variance that would allow the construction of an shed/garage without a single family home. Property zoned Agriculture 1.

Any person desiring to comment on these matters is invited to do so in writing or orally at the time of the public hearing.

Any questions should be directed to Todd Schultz at the Sauk Rapids Government Center at (320) 258-5315 during normal business hours.

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