

April 12, 2021

## MINUTES OF BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS MEETING

Members Present: Kyle Krownapple, Lynn Moomaw and Ryan Imhoff

Others Present: Becky Dannemiller, Mayor Tom Poulson, and Mike Turner

Board president Kyle Krownapple brought the meeting to order at 6:04pm. The March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were read for approval. Lynn made the motion to accept the minutes as written, Ryan seconded, all approved.

The Mayor stated the on-line bill pay should be live on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

The fiscal officer emailed an *Ohio Water/Sewer Rate Survey* she thought might be helpful for projections of new water/sewer rates. The Mayor will forward this on to the board members to review and discuss next month. After reading the survey, the Mayor suggested we look at the water/sewer tap-in fees for a possible increase. Also, to consider are the on-line payments fees and costs being paid by the village.

The Mayor reported the Council had approved the annual *General Engineering Contract* for C.T. Consultants. Council also approved the contract for C.T. Consultants to develop the bidding portion of the *Sewer Line Relining Project* which the village is hoping to receive Small Government Grant funds for funding.

Bob McNutt had provided a breakdown of the *Sanitary Sewer System Master Study* the board has been considering. The board requested these numbers before making a final decision the board. The study cost is \$265,200. The Mayor shared a concern as to whether this study should be postponed until after the new water tower is completed. His concern was if there are issues with older water lines and the *psi* capacity causing breakage on old lines and the costs the village would incur repairing any problems. Ryan inserted the current rate flow and *psi*, and with what will be added with the new tower, should not be a concern. We should have plenty of capacity to not worry about this. He felt we've been delaying this *I & I* (which the study will help solve) issue and we need to begin the process.

Lynn made a motion to request the Mayor ask Council to approve the *Sanitary Sewer System Master Study* with C.T. Consultants. The Mayor will take this to Council.

The board discussed a *Sump Pump Amnesty Program* to offer residents who are willing to unhook their sump pumps and downspouts from the sanitary sewer system. Our solicitor would need to develop legislation to begin this program and the documents needed for village and residents to sign. The board discussed naming a set dollar amount each year and when it's gone it's gone. Each year a cap amount will be set aside for this program. This would possibly be on a

first-come, first-serve basis to residents. The Mayor felt we should have a sense for a cost to do a home to base our annual program amount on. Ryan stated there could be too many variables in this sort of job as a contractor can name a price but until you go in and begin, you're unsure of what all would be involved. Mike did remind the board there are some neighborhoods that have no storm sewer to hook-up to. Without being able to go into a resident's house, it could be hard to determine a fair amount per household.

The Mayor had reached out to Orrville City for their Back-Flow Prevention policy and legislation. The Mayor will forward it on the board members to review before the next meeting.


The board discussed the electrical issue at the WWTP. We have received one quote and have two more contractors coming this to provide quotes. All quotes should be in by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. These will be reviewed and determine which to proceed with.

The Mayor stated he had a request by Joyce Garn that the board consider placing the Barn Restaurant logo on the side of the new tower as a thank you for donating the land for it. Because the color schematics and design are already planned, the board decided against this. Ryan suggested a plaque would be a nice gesture to acknowledge and thank them for the land.

The next meeting will be May 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Lynn made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm, Ryan seconded, all approved.

  
BPA Clerk

  
BPA President