

BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS MINUTES

February 14, 2017

Mr. Barber called the BPA Meeting to order at 7:01 pm

Roll Call: Jeremy Neill – present, Tim Barber – present, Curt Johnson- present

Council Representative: Nick Tromba, not present

Visitors: Pat Linn, Scott Hoar, Said Abou Abdallah, David Ondrey, Christopher Paquette, Paul Eaton, Chip Hess, Lisa Hernandez

Mrs. Pat Linn, 14570 Baird St., addressed the Board regarding a silver maple tree planted on her property by the Village around 1999 or 2000. Ms. Linn is concerned that the tree's roots may have grown into her sewer line. Ms. Linn has had the line snaked out numerous times, and has spent a large sum of money on the issue so far. Last Friday, Ms. Linn's basement was flooded, and Dominion came out to snake the pipes; according to Ms. Linn, Dominion went out 45-50 feet from the house before they met resistance and found tree roots. Ms. Linn also states that now there is a section of sidewalk that has sunk. Ms. Linn feels that if the tree has penetrated into the main line, it should not be her responsibility to have it fixed. Ms. Linn asked that if the Village has a camera put down into the main line and they see an issue with her lateral lines, that they let Mrs. Linn know, so the problem can be fixed.

Mr. Barber asked Ms. Linn's address, and enquired as to whether or not Ms. Linn had taken her concerns to the Tree Commission and asked the Tree Commission to remove the tree. Ms. Linn replied that she had not directly addressed the Tree Commission, although Mrs. Linn did speak to someone who works with the Tree Commission; no name was provided. Ms. Linn would like to have the tree replaced with a decorative one.

Mr. Barber asked Mr. Eaton's opinion on the matter. Mr. Eaton felt that Ms. Linn was talking about a lateral line, and not the main line. Mr. Barber asked how often the Village uses camera technology to investigate lateral pipes. Mr. Eaton replied that this has never been done. Mr. Barber suggested that if Dominion snaked the line and ran into resistance 50 feet from the residence, then that was the main line.

Mr. Neill stated that the only thing the Board can do is snake the main line, since that is all they are responsible for. Mr. Eaton offered to arrange to have someone come in and investigate the pipe. Mr. Barber made a motion to have Mr. Eaton make arrangements. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Visitor Scott Hoar approached the Board to ask if waste from his portable waste disposal company could be disposed of at the Village's treatment plant. Mr. Barber asked if this had been done in the past, and Mr. Eaton answered that it had not. Both Mr. Barber and Mr. Eaton were not comfortable with this scenario.

Mr. Hoar noted that his company had been approved by several local municipalities, and that the waste the company would dispose of is biodegradable – enzymes break down the waste and paper – and that it is non-toxic.

Mr. Neill advised that a permit would be needed, and that given the current state of affairs, this was probably not feasible, however, it could be in the future. Mr. Barber agreed that was not going to be a workable situation, but perhaps when the new plant is built, it could be revisited.

Cashier's Report

Account #31108-02 is seeking forgiveness of their turn-on/turn-off fees. After a brief discussion, the Board decided not to act on this request.

Ms. Hernandez informed the Board that delinquent notices were sent to 4 accounts on February 9. One account is 2 quarterly payments past due, and in danger of being shut off on February 17.

Ms. Hernandez asked Mr. Ondrey to address the Board's concerns over monthly vs. quarterly delinquencies, and how each is defined. Mr. Ondrey advised that the Board needed to come to some agreement on what a standard would be for each type of account. Mr. Ondrey explained that missing 6-monthly payments was essentially the same as missing two quarterly payments. The Board determined it would work through this particular section of the BPA Rules and Regulations at the next scheduled meeting.

Legal:

Mr. Ondrey advised the Board that he had looked over the Dixon quote, and noticed that there is no provision for Dixon to have insurance or workman's comp. Mr. Ondrey further addressed Mr. Barber's concerns with Section 8.01 D dealing with indemnification, and Mr. Neil's concerns regarding Schedule A, Section B; and Schedule D, Section A.

Mr. Barber stated that although the quote seems to be fine from a contractual perspective, the Board will need to see their certificate of insurance before Mr. Paquette could provide a purchase order for the work to commence. Mr. Paquette asked if the certificate of insurance needs to be in the contract. Mr. Paquette will forward the certificate to Mr. Ondrey and Mr. Barber.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Hess enquired about the procedure the Board would like him to follow in obtaining Purchase Orders for all work from Mr. Paquette. Mr. Barber agreed that Mr. Hess could discuss these matters on an individual basis with Mr. Paquette.

Mr. Hess also informed the Board that he was working with Mr. Jim Dvorak to tie his home outside the Village in with the Village's sewer lines.

Mr. Barber brought the Board up to date on his meeting with the Ohio EPA in Twinsburg. Mr. Barber stated that perhaps the Village could receive a permit to install in July, although an extension may have to be filed. Mr. Barber then asked Mr. Abou Abdallah why this had been on the table for so long. Mr. Abou Abdallah informed Mr. Barber that they did not bring it up in 2014, but that a new permit was issued in 2015. Mr. Abou Abdallah suspects that the new copper limits have something to do with this. Mr. Abou Abdallah further stated that the Village does not have an ammonia issue. Mr. Abou Abdallah cautioned the Board that the big issue facing them is the copper issue, and the Village is running out of time. Mr. Barber felt that the EPA seemed ok with them asking for more time on the copper issue.

Mr. Barber asked Mr. Abou Abdallah who would do the permit modification. Mr. Abou Abdallah will prepare the permit modification, and will send the Board a packet in a few weeks. Mr. Abou Abdallah requested that the Village would prepare a plan based on the information they are sent by Arcadis.

Mr. Barber felt that the copper levels were consistent; Mr. Abou Abdallah did not agree.

Mr. Neill asked Mr. Abou Abdallah how this should be presented to the EPA. In Mr. Abou Abdallah's opinion, the Village should stick to the wording and timeline the EPA had in the permit.

The Board also discussed the possible location of a pipe located 4 feet below ground surface, that would allow for discharge of the treatment plant's waste via property owned by the City of Akron. The exact location of this pipe could not be determined during the meeting; Mr. Paquette offered to find the lease the Village has with the City of Akron, and send it out to everyone.

Fiscal Officers Report:

Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the January 10, 2017 meeting minutes. Mr. Barber seconded. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to pay approved bills. Mr. Neill seconded the motion. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Operators Report:

Mr. Eaton asked Mr. Hess to update the Treatment Plant's tie-in procedures. Mr. Hess agreed to look at notes from the last procedure that was done, and come up with an idea of how long it will take, and what it will cost.

Mr. Eaton informed the Board that there is a resident on Goodwin Ave. with galvanized plumbing, who is not receiving any water pressure. Mr. Eaton said that Phil Miller is willing to do the project. Mr. Paquette wanted the Board to be aware that the Board had not budgeted funds towards capital improvements.

Old Business:

Mr. Barber noted that the lagoons were set to be cleaned this Spring and asked Mr. Eaton if he had started the process yet. Mr. Eaton noted that it needs to be done before Spring planting.

The discussion moved to the construction service contract. Minor adjustments have been made and Mr. Paquette will have it ready for the next Board meeting.

New Business:

Mr. Johnson reported on the recent meeting regarding combining the Burton and Middlefield waste water treatment functions. Mr. Johnson noted that until both parties have numbers and potential cost figures to look at, there's no way to tell if this is a viable option for the Village.

Mr. Barber made a motion to enter Executive Session to review the resumes sent in for the position of Treatment Plant Assistant. Seconded by Mr. Neill. Tim Barber – yes; Jeremy Neill – yes; Curt Johnson – yes.

Tim Barber made a motion to leave executive session at 9:50 PM, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Tim Barber – yes; Curt Johnson – yes; Jeremy Neill – yes.

The Board asked Ms. Hernandez to set up interviews for the Treatment Plant Assistant candidates for Tuesday, February 21, 2017, beginning at 5 pm.

Adjournment:

Tim Barber made a motion to adjourn at 10:59 PM, seconded by Mr. Johnson. By voice vote, all agreed.

BPA President

Clerk