

Board of Public Affairs Minutes

May 9, 2023 – 7:00PM

Mr. Rundo called the BPA Meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Roll Call: Curt Johnson-present, Nick Rundo-present, Bill Pinkava-present.

Visitors: Lynn Biegacki, Jennell Dahlhausen, Jake Neill, Chip Hess, Bridey Matheney, Bonnie Richards, Debbie Palmisano

Cashiers Report:

Ms. Biegacki stated resident 1435 has a credit of \$219.96 for over payment on a final Water, Sewer & Trash bill from November 2022. Ms. Biegacki notified former resident via email in April 2023 of overpayment. The account holder 1435 has requested a refund be mailed to him. Mr. Rundo moved to reimburse account 1435 in the amount of \$219.96, seconded by Mr. Johnson. By voice vote, all Board members agreed.

Engineer's Report:

Mr. Hess notified the Village that 7 trees are to come down with the Dean Court Waterline project (5 Pines, 1 Soft Maple and 1 Linden). Ms. Palmisano is concerned about the destruction and replacement of such trees and requested new trees be purchased for planting in the Village. Ms. Dahlhausen suggested the funding for the replacements could come out of E13 for the purchase of trees. After discussion, Mr. Pinkava moved to approve \$1,500.00 for tree planting at the discretion of the Arborist to come from E13 Water Capitalization for the trees removed in the waterline project, seconded by Mr. Johnson. By voice vote, all Board members agreed. Mr. Rundo would like the residents that will have trees removed to be contacted by the Tree Commission and to be included in the decision for the tree planting.

Mr. Hess stated the current project budget was up to \$290,000.00 and stated there may be disruption of water service to the nursing home for about four hours. Mr. Neill stated the line loops in the nursing home area so we may be able to reroute water from another line. There are also four force main lines that will be repaired on Dean Court during the project and Mr. Neill would like to add a manhole on 87 in the area we will be working in, since there isn't proper access to our sewer line for a long stretch. Mr. Rundo moved to bid out the Dean Court Waterline project, seconded by Mr. Pinkava. By voice vote, all Board members agreed.

Solicitor:

Mr. Pinkava would like to amend Resolution 2023-01 (tabled at the March 6 meeting) to require residents that have shared lines to enter into an agreement instead of requiring them to change

service lines. Mr. Rundo would like Resolutions 2023-01, 2023-02, 2023-11 and 2023-12 added to the next agenda with amendment Mr. Pinkava specified.

Clerk/Treasurer:

Mr. Rundo moved to approve the April 7, 2023 minutes, seconded by Mr. Pinkava. By voice vote, all Board members agreed.

Mr. Rundo moved to pay approved bills in the amount of \$18,413.72, seconded by Mr. Johnson. By voice vote, all Board members agreed.

Operator Report:

Mr. Neill stated Centerra Co-Op Fuel paid for the meter pit.

Mr. Neill stated he has a quote for the annual Lake County Sewer Co sewer cleaning & televising's fee in the amount of \$17,000.00. Mr. Rundo moved to approve the annual sewer televising from Lake County Sewer for \$17,000.00, seconded by Mr. Johnson. By voice vote, all Board members agreed.

Mr. Neill stated there is landscaping around the fire hydrant located at the old Berkshire High School Football Field. The Board asked that Chief Smigelski advise the homeowner this is not permitted in the village when he contacts the homeowner concerning replacement of the sidewalk.

Mr. Neill stated the Wheelock meter pit will be the same as Centerra Co-op Fuel. Mr. Rundo requested Mr. Wheelock personally to appear at a meeting with a plan for his property as he stated he would do at a previous meeting.

Mr. Neill stated certain fire hydrants will need replacing or repairs. Mr. Neill stated each hydrant replacement will cost \$3726.00. Mr. Johnson moved to repair and replace hydrants up to the amount of \$10,000.00, seconded by Mr. Rundo. By voice vote, all Board members agreed.

Mr. Neill was contacted by the Geauga County Department of Water Resources concerning a few properties that should have been included in the original 208 plan. Mr. Neill also noticed the Demko property will need to be added to The Village boundaries. Mr. Rundo moved to recommend to Council revising the 208 plan to include AGAPE. The annexed Demko property will need to be added to the map, which was seconded by Mr. Johnson. By voice vote, all Board members agreed.

Much discussion was held on the filter issue at the WWTP. A representative from Aqua Arobics presented a letter for approval from BPA. It was mentioned that the original letter from January 2023 with the paint specifications and application requirements was more detailed. Ms. Matheney will draft a letter to Aqua Aerobics for a proper description of repairs to be made and a special meeting will be scheduled for approval of the letter before it is mailed.

Mr. Rundo moved to adjourn at 9:30, seconded by Mr. Johnson. By voice vote, all Board members agreed.

BPA President

Clerk