

SEVILLE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
March 4, 2013

Kieran O'Rourke called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Present: David Johnson, Kieran O'Rourke (President), Brian Greer  
Kevin Bittaker (Superintendent), Cathy Kilgore (Office Manager)

Absent: None

Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes from February 19th. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Johnson moved to approve the payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greer. The motion passed unanimously.

Privilege of the floor:

Larry Frary inquired about net metering in the Village. BOPA is not required to do net metering and because there has been only one other inquiry about it, the Board has not taken any action. BOPA will revisit the issue and Solicitor Ted Lesiak and Superintendent Kevin Bittaker were asked to provide information both pro and con, to the Board concerning net metering at the first BOPA meeting in April.

Mayor Sulzener had concerns about BOPA resolution 2013-01 that asked the Village to return all of the Kilowatt Hour Tax to BOPA instead of just the BleachTech portion of the tax as is currently being done. The Mayor said that although the Village is stable financially, not all of cuts made several years ago have been restored and the Village cannot afford to give up the KW tax revenue at this time. Mr. O'Rourke said that the Board's primary responsibility is to its' customers and that the tax was not originally put in the General Fund but in 2007 all of the tax was put into the General Fund with the BleachTech portion being returned to BOPA because the Village was having financial hardships at that time. The ¼ percent income tax credit was also taken away at the same time. Mr. O'Rourke also noted that it was the intention of the Board to return the Kilowatt hour Tax to its' customers. The KW hour tax has no effect on the amount of the carry-over balances in the funds controlled by BOPA. He also said that in his opinion the tax should not be used to provide services and that a levy should be proposed if the General Fund was underfunded. Mr. O'Rourke pointed out that Seville Council does not have to act even if the resolution is passed. Councilman Rick Stallard asked how much would be returned to ratepayers if the tax was returned. Residential customers would receive between \$3.00 and \$5.00 per month. Businesses could receive substantially more than that. The tax would be returned to the Electric Fund on a monthly basis.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS OF THE VILLAGE OF SEVILLE, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO REQUESTING REDIRECTION OF FUNDS RECEIVED THROUGH THE KILOWATT HOUR TAX TO THE CUSTOMERS OF THE SEVILLE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Johnson moved to adopt BOPA resolution 2013-01. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greer. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lesiak noted that this will need to be brought to the Government Committee for a recommendation to Council to act on the Boards' resolution.

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Utility Committee report:

Councilwoman Schwartz had no new information for the Board.

Superintendent's report:

Mr. Bittaker reported that the new bucket truck has arrived. There were several issues that needed to be fixed before he accepted delivery. The issues were taken care of to Mr. Bittakers' satisfaction.

The four year project of replacing old water meter with new radio read meters is nearly complete. Only 47 meters still need to be replaced. This has provided for substantial savings. The old meters required 3 people 4 days to read the meters. It now requires just two people and less than 1/2 day to complete the readings.

Carol Fritz had a water pipe break at 4714 Greenwich Road. She would like to have her sewer bill reduced to a minimum amount because the water did not go into the sewer. Mr. Greer moved to charge said customer the minimum sewer amount. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Bogner Construction is back to work on the EQ Basin. A projected finish date is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Office Manager's Report:

Mrs. Kilgore gave the extended payment plans.

Technology Consultant Brian Schwartz has completed the set-up work to allow customer bills to be e-mailed as discussed at the previous meeting. The current count of the number of residents that utilize the direct payment option for their bills is 305. There will be a note in the BOPANews for the next three months outlining the e-mail program. An agreement for each customer to sign is being worked on and will be ready for Solicitor Ted Lesiak on Wednesday.

Unfinished business:

The EPA permit for the Waste Water Treatment Plant was sent to Council and the Mayor. The EPA gave the plant a good grade. The permit is good for 4 years. The grade was better than last time because the Mercury levels have been reduced.


New business:

Mr. O'Rourke has contacted Philpot Rubber to entice them to come to Seville. The Technology Committee is considering photos and biographies be placed on the Village web-site. The Board did not formally embrace the idea.

Mr. Greer moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

  
KIERAN O'ROURKE  
PRESIDENT

  
JAMES CARRICK  
FISCAL OFFICER