

SEVILLE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

June 16, 2014

Mr. O'Rourke called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

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

Absent: None

Mr. O'Rourke wished all of the fathers in the room a happy belated Father's Day.

Mr. Barbera moved to approve the minutes from 06-02-2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. The motion passed unanimously with the exception of Mr. Greer who abstained.

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

Privilege of the floor:

Councilwoman Carol Carter, on behalf of the Seville Chamber of Commerce, thanked everyone for working to make the yard sale run smoothly. The Chamber will continue to work with all Village departments to insure that the Chamber is meeting their responsibilities for the event.

Mr. Barbera noted that he has completed his Public Power Management Certification through American Municipal Power. Mr. Barbera pointed out that one of the items talked about at the class was economic development and the effect on BOPA. The amount of power used affects BOPA on a daily basis. On the really cold day in January of 2014, the power that cost the Village \$30-\$40 for a 16 hour period the day before jumped to nearly \$600.00 on the cold day. A poor economy raises rates on everyone.

Mr. Barbera asked why the Village pays The Medina County Economic Development Corporation when they are working for the best interest of Medina County and not necessarily the best interest of Seville. He noted the recent news that Panther Trucking would be leaving Seville for a location in Granger Township. The recent loss of a valuable police officer was partially due to the financial future of the Village. Council President Rick Stallard said that Council had been in contact on a monthly basis with Bethany Dentler at MCEDC, the building owner, and representatives from Panther throughout the process to try to work out a deal to keep Panther in Seville. The lawsuit over taxes was initiated by Panther not the Village. Mr. Barbera noted that the Ohio Supreme Court ruled in favor of Panther and the only justice that ruled in favor of Seville was the only one that was a tax attorney. Mr. Barbera said that whether it was deserved or not, Seville is developing a reputation of not being business friendly and this needs to be corrected. Mrs. Carter noted that at the last Council meeting, it was pointed out that the move by Panther was as much a "lifestyle" move as much as economic one. Seville did not have enough amenities such as restaurants, health care facilities, and sporting venues to keep Panther from leaving. Mayor Sulzener noted that as CRAs expire, companies all around the state were moving to different location to get new tax incentives. Councilwoman Leslie Miller added that she was comfortable that Council did everything in its power to keep Panther in Seville but in the end they just did not want to be in Seville. Panther Trucking is owned by a company in Arkansas that has no loyalty to Seville.

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Utility Committee Report:

Mrs. Miller said that Patrolman Joel Eckstine had left the police force to take a similar job in Montville. Auxiliary Officer Adam Houck was being offered the position and will be hired as soon as the paperwork can be processed.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Bittaker reported that the actuator for the EQ basin has been installed and is working great but is not operating at 100% yet.

In the 1980s BOPA was involved with The Meigs County Coal Fired Electric Generating Plant. Litigation has been going on for several years and the Village has \$447,000.00 in stranded debt with the plant with potentially more to come. Future liabilities of the total are \$174,000.00 some of which could be returned. BOPA is out the remaining \$273,000.00 with interest continuing to be added. The Board has the option of paying a lump sum or paying \$2,500.00 per month as part of the power bill over 15 years beginning in January of 2015. Mr. Bittaker recommended the monthly payment option. Mr. O'Rourke said this came about because the projected costs nearly tripled during construction and AMP eventually stopped construction. Because Seville is a member of the project, the Village is responsible for its portion of the costs. Mr. O'Rourke moved to direct Mr. Bittaker to return the appropriate paperwork to AMP accepting the monthly payment plan as noted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greer. The motion passed unanimously.

BOPA is a part of the gas fired plant in Fremont which produced a credit of \$151,522.00 against our stranded costs for that project.

Office Manager's Report:

Mrs. Kilgore gave the extended payment plans.

There were 17 hook-ups for the yard sale billed out at \$25.00 each for a total of \$425.00.

Mrs. Kilgore will meet with the Solicitor on Wednesday to go over Utility Department Policy Manual.

Unfinished Business:

Mr. O'Rourke said that the expert Bogner Construction was bringing in to appear at the arbitration hearing was not available and the hearing has been reset for the end of August.

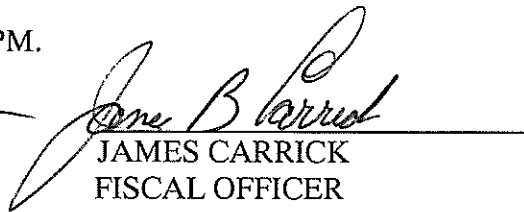
New business:

None

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

  
KIERAN O'ROURKE  
PRESIDENT

  
JAMES CARRICK  
FISCAL OFFICER