

SEVILLE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Minutes

December 15, 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, Tiffany Shultz (Office Manager)

Absent: Kevin Bittaker (Superintendent)

Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes from 12-01-14. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barbera. The motion passed unanimously with the exception of Mr. O'Rourke 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:

None

Utility Committee Report:

Council representative Carol Carter had nothing to report to the Board.

Superintendent's Report:

None

Office Manager's Report:

Mrs. Shultz gave the extended payment plans.

Mrs. Shultz asked the Board to schedule a special meeting to approve the year end bills. The Board will have the meeting on December 30th at 9:00 AM.

Council waived the wellness requirement for Zack Martin for 2014. He will have to fulfill the requirements in 2015. Mr. O'Rourke suggested that a single person, possibly the Fiscal Officer, be responsible for explaining the wellness plan to prevent this from happening in the future. Councilman Rick Stallard felt that the new employee's supervisor should be responsible for explaining the plan. Mayor Sulzener said that the Fiscal Officer should be involved.

Unfinished Business:

Mr. O'Rourke noted that because the BOPA Superintendent was not present to go over the budget, the budget discussion would be added to the agenda on the December 30th special meeting. Updated budgets will be sent to the Board members.

The proposed Amazon Call Center for Seville has timeline and electric requirements that BOPA cannot meet. Amazon would require six times more power than currently used by BleachTech which is ½ of the Village load. BOPA cannot supply that kind of power without a significant infrastructure investment. A cooperative effort with First Energy may be possible but the cost of such an undertaking is cost prohibitive. The feasibility study alone for the project would cost upwards of \$100,000.00. The cost plus the timeline of having the power available in six months, make the project unsuitable for Seville at this time. Councilman Stallard said that a long term utility plan for industrial development for

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the north end of town should be considered. Mr. O'Rourke suggested having a work session on January 20th after the regular meetings to discuss gearing up for these larger projects.

Mr. O'Rourke asked the Board to correct an error made at a previous meeting concerning the pay level for Office Manager Tiffany Shultz. The intent was to have Mrs. Shultz be raised to the top of level 1 or \$41,465.37 but the amount approved at the meeting was \$41,265.37. Mr. O'Rourke moved to change the pay of Mrs. Shultz to \$41,465.37. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greer. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. O'Rourke moved to support Village ordinance 2014-65 and resolution 2014-19 concerning the Kilowatt Hour Tax. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greer. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. O'Rourke asked the Fiscal Officer if the budget supported returning the Kilowatt Hour Tax to the customers. The Fiscal Officer said yes.

New business:

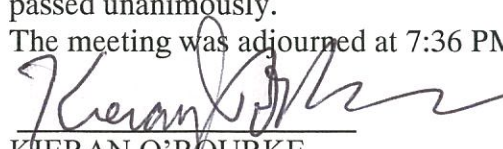
Mr. O'Rourke and Mrs. Shultz met with Joe Regan from American Municipal Power concerning the Village's credit rating. Mr. Regan explained how credit points are awarded or removed from the score. Mr. O'Rourke said he also used the meeting to express the Board's dissatisfaction with UFS and the rate study they are preparing for the Village. UFS was used at the recommendation of AMP. The rate study has still not been given to BOPA and UFS was not willing to deliver the report personally because they did not charge enough. Mr. O'Rourke said that UFS should stand by their quote. If AMP cannot prod UFS to complete the study and deliver it to the Board, then the Village Solicitor will be asked to become involved.


The water pressure issue in several areas of the Village was discussed. GPD had been contacted and provided a plan to effectively increase water pressure in the Village. The preliminary cost estimate is approximately 2 million dollars. Two Village water towers are inadequate. One would need to be taken down and replaced and the other would need to be raised. Higher water pressure would require the replacing of 3650 feet of water mains. This would have to be coordinated with the Street Department so that newly paved roads will not have to be repaved.

The water surcharge will be ending in 2015. The total electric cost per kilowatt hour is down almost 9% since May of 2014. This is positive news for BOPA customers.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.


KIERAN O'ROURKE
PRESIDENT


JAMES CARRICK
FISCAL OFFICER