

SEVILLE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Minutes

February 02, 2015

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 01-20-15. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barbera. The motion passed unanimously.

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 reported that the Kilowatt Hour Tax ordinance has passed.

Superintendent's Report:

Jeff Pearce of GPD Engineering discussed future planning for businesses moving to Seville and the type of infrastructure that would be required. He explained that smaller companies that would increase consumption by up to 3 or 4 percent would not be an issue and would not require significant infrastructure upgrades to the distribution system. There are redundancies built into the current system that allow for this kind of growth for the next 10 to 20 years. However, companies requiring a larger percentage increase would require a significant time and dollar investment by BOPA to provide electrical service. An additional sub-station(s) would have to be built and this requires approval from First Energy Corporation and can take up to six months to get the approval and up to \$100,000.00 in costs for feasibility studies. If approval is obtained, it can take up to a year and as much as \$2,000,000.00 per sub-station to construct. Mr. Pearce advised that the prospective business sign a contract promising payment for the studies and construction costs. If no contract is obtained, the rest of the Village users would have to pay for the construction costs as part of their monthly bill. Much of this was in reference to the recent proposition by Amazon Inc. to bring a facility to Seville. The amount of power they required and the time frame allowed were both well outside of the above mentioned restrictions. The Village was able to bring in a large power user (Bleachtech) several years ago but a proper time and dollar factor were part of the process. A joint venture with First Energy Corporation was mentioned but it was determined that First Energy has never been in favor of joint venture deals. In conclusion, Mr. Pearce recommended smaller steady growth until such time as Seville becomes large enough to support companies with large consumption needs unless a contract is obtained prior to construction. Mr. Pearce can contact First Energy to see what the current capacity will support as far as new businesses coming to Seville.

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Office Manager's Report:

Mrs. Shultz gave the extended payment plans.

A situation has occurred with the employee health insurance. New employee Nancy Greer was eligible for health care beginning on January 22, 2015 but the insurance carrier billed for the entire month of January. Under the current Employee Handbook rules, Mrs. Greer would be responsible for 15% of the entire month of January even though she was only eligible for benefits for 10 days out of the month. Mr. O'Rourke moved to charge Mrs. Greer for only the 10 days she was eligible for benefits or \$45.50 and BOPA would be responsible for the remaining amount of \$95.45. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barbera. The motion passes unanimously with the exception of Mr. Greer who abstained. Mr. Barbera suggested that this was an issue that should be addressed by amending the Employee Handbook.

Unfinished Business:

None


New business:

None

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.


KIERAN O'ROURKE
PRESIDENT


JAMES CARRICK
FISCAL OFFICER