

SEVILLE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Minutes

August 03, 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, Kevin Bittaker (Superintendent)

Absent: Tiffany Shultz (Office Manager)

A moment of remembrance was observed for former Village Councilman Billy Carter who passed away unexpectedly this past weekend. Mr. Carter is the husband of current Village Councilwoman Carol Carter.

Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes from 07-20-2015. 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:

Village resident Ed Steele thanked Mr. Bittaker for his work in solving a flooding problem at the Presbyterian Church caused by tree roots in the sewer line. The church was very appreciative of the efforts of Mr. Bittaker and his crew.

Stan Sheetz related that the contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation to put a satellite office in Seville in being worked on but has not been finalized yet.

Utility Committee Report:

Councilwoman Leslie Miller said that there were three ordinances before Council that had an effect on BOPA. Ordinance 2015-28 involves hiring a human resource consultant. BOPA had previously endorsed the hiring. Ordinance 2015-39 involves hiring Ohio Insurance Services to prepare the new insurance forms required by the Federal Affordable Care Act. Ordinance 2015-40 involves changing the Employee Handbook to make health insurance available to new hires immediately instead of having a 45 day waiting period. Mr. Greer moved to support the adoption of ordinance 2015-40. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barbera. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Miller also advised that Council would be swearing in a new police officer at the next Council Meeting.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Bittaker mentioned that Mr. Carter had helped him get his first job at BOPA.

The DSL line at the sewer plant was not working today. Mr. Bittaker has been in contact with Frontier Communications and they will be installing a new cable tomorrow. This may solve the phone line reliability issues. Time Warner Cable was contacted about running one of their lines to the plant. The cost of running the approximately 1,600 feet of cable was \$28,500.00 which made it cost prohibitive.

A lightning strike at Blair Rubber blew out a fuse on a 2500 KVA transformer. The transformer which is owned by Blair Rubber costs approximately \$30,000.00. Mr. Bittaker was able to obtain a spare transformer from the City of Wadsworth so that Blair

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Rubber would be able to continue operations without waiting an extended period for a new one to be ordered. The people at Blair Rubber were very appreciative of Mr. Bittaker's efforts. Blair Rubber will be charged for the crane rental used to load the transformer onto a truck in Wadsworth. Mr. Bittaker is getting an estimate of rebuilding the damaged transformer. Mr. O'Rourke noted that helping Blair Rubber helps with economic development for the Village. They have been an excellent corporate partner for Seville.

Mr. Bittaker has looked into a new rate study using Courtney and Associates to do the study. The rate study with USF did not come to fruition. Mr. Bittaker is concerned that current rates will not be sufficient to keep up with the debt ratios required by AMP. Mr. O'Rourke noted that while rates have gone down, the transmission fees charged by regional transmission organizations PJM (pjm.com) and MISO (misoenergy.org) have increased dramatically over the last few years. Mr. O'Rourke also thought it would be beneficial to have Chris Deeter and Mike Migliore from AMP come to a meeting to inform the Board on the transmission fee issue. There are also new laws from the Federal Government that make coal fired power plants more expensive to operate. Using power from only renewable energy sources is much more expensive.

Tree trimming around power lines has begun with no problems. Five trees were actually cut down on one property and will be replaced by new trees in another part of the property.

Mr. Bittaker said that a 6 inch emergency backup pump for the sewer plant purchased from Ohio Cat would cost approximately \$29,000.00. The cost would be split among all four BOPA departments. Mr. Greer moved to approve the purchase of the pump. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barbera. The motion passed unanimously.

Office Manager's Report:

None

Unfinished Business:

The water study from Pittsburg Tank has not been received yet.

Mr. O'Rourke noted that Medina County buys their gasoline in bulk and asked if the Village could use the same program. Mr. Bittaker will research the matter.

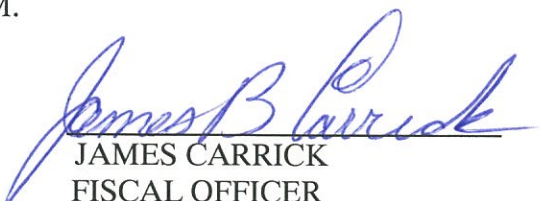
New business:

Councilwoman Miller noted that the Square to Square event will be on August 15th.

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