

SEVILLE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Minutes

December 21, 2020

Mr. Greer called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the meeting was held via conference call.

Present: Brian Greer (President), Richard Barbera, Larry Landis, Kevin Bittaker (Superintendent)

Absent: None

Mr. Barbera moved to approve the minutes from the last three meetings. The motion was seconded by Mr. Landis. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Landis 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 Tom Hastings, expressed concern that because of problems at the U.S. Postal Service, many residents were getting their bills later than usual causing late payments, and then receiving disconnect notices. It was explained that the notices are part of an automatic mechanism put in place by the Board. Because of the small size of BOPA, cash flow can be a problem and many people took advantage of the Board during the recent COVID-19 pandemic. The Board purchases power from American Municipal Power (AMP) and they must be paid regardless of payments to BOPA. There are resources available to individuals with financial hardships such as "extended payment plans" or "direct payments" that insure utility bills are paid timely.

Utility Committee Report:

None

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Bittaker presented the 2021 budget to the Board. The budget was very similar to the 2020 budget with additional appropriations for capital outlay. It also includes a 1.3% cost of living raise for BOPA employees which is the same rate approved by Council for Village employees. Mr. Greer moved to approve the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Landis. The motion passed unanimously.

The Shell gas station has been given options to tap into our sewer lines. A meeting with our engineering firm GPD will be necessary. GPD will also be invited to the second BOPA meeting in January to explain the situation to the Board. A three million dollar (\$3,000,000) loan at .3% interest is available. The rate may change during the approval process.

Office Manager's Report:

Consultant Tiffany Shultz has everything balanced through the end of November.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.



BRIAN GREER
PRESIDENT



JAMES CARRICK
FISCAL OFFICER