

SEVILLE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Minutes

May 6, 2024

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

Present: Brian Greer (President), Richard Barbera, Carlene Klinec, Kevin Bittaker (Superintendent), Tiffany Shultz (Office Manager)

Mr. Barbera moved to approve the minutes of the meeting on April 15, 2024. Mr. Greer seconded the motion, with Mrs. Klinec abstaining. The motion passed.

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

Privilege of the floor:

Mrs. Herald, at 207 Oakwood Ln., spoke on behalf of residents from Oakwood, Lynn, and Beth Dr. regarding the power outage on April 16, 2024, which resulted in a power surge that caused damage to some homes in Seville. Residents wanted to know what process to take to manage claims and if an explanation of what happened could be provided. Mr. Bittaker stated that they needed to go through their personal homeowner's insurance and our insurance company will go after Fechko's insurance. Or residents can contact Plumer's Insurance and speak with Jim Harris. Mr. Bittaker explained that Fechko failed to support a utility pole while digging close to it. The pole fell, encountering another, and tripped our system. A resident inquired if our transformers were inspected. Individual transformers were not checked, but the surge arrestors on our lines were inspected. Our crew has been supporting poles for Fechko since the incident to help prevent this from happening again. Mr. Bittaker asked the residents to write down names and phone numbers so he can check with Mr. Harris to see if there is an update to provide.

Utility Committee Report:

None

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Bittaker reported that the water project is progressing. Fechko is done for now on Center St. and will be crossing Hubbard Creek on May 7, 2024, and tie-in on West Main, then come up Spring St. The next step will be to set up bi-pass pumping and hook up temporary water services for residents between Spring St. to just past Lafayette St., which will be on top of the ground. Mr. Bittaker asked how we could reach out to the public regarding the upcoming yard sale since many sidewalks are out of service, the road on Center St. will not have parking available on either side, and the temporary water services will create a tripping hazard. It's possible that Fechko will also be working that Friday of the yard sale. Councilmember Rhoads stated that there isn't a central contact for the yard sale anymore. However, there is a website for the yard sale that could have something posted. Councilmember Sturgeon thought that creating a map of the area with the statement of the potential hazards that could be posted to the village website, posted to the yard sale website, and working with police department.

Mr. Bittaker would like to hire GPD and Associates for a load study on our electrical distribution system, concentrating on the 12-5 circuits of the Guilford Rd. substation and the Electric St. substation. The system is running as it should, but with the additional loads from businesses and the new residential developments, Mr. Bittaker would like to make sure we have room for the demand. The lead time for new substation upgrades is

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lengthy and we don't want to be caught unaware of the need. Mrs. Klinect asked when the last time a study like this was completed. Mr. Bittaker stated that the Guilford Rd. substation was completed in the early 90's due to low voltage. Mr. Greer made the motion to approve hiring GPD for the load study. Mrs. Klinect seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Office Manager's Report:

None

Old Business:

Mr. Millsop, with Premier Auto, did not return to the Board to decide if an extension would be provided for the transformer invoice. Mr. Greer stated that since Mr. Millsop was not present, a past due invoice needs to be sent out for the total cost of the transformer invoice.

New Business:

Mr. Greer provided an editorial opinion from the Beacon Journal regarding rural areas not having residents that run for elected office. Mr. Greer found it interesting and true to the state of our village. He considers it an act of community service and it's sad that we have a hard time getting residents to run.

Mrs. Klinect moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barbera. The motion passed unanimously at 7:15 PM.



BRIAN GREER
PRESIDENT



LISA NEMASTIL
FISCAL OFFICER