

SEVILLE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Minutes

January 6, 2025

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

Present: President Brian Greer, Richard Barbera, Superintendent Kevin Bittaker, Office Manager Tiffany Shultz, Legal Counsel Ted Lesiak

Absent: Carlene Klinect

Mr. Barbera moved to nominate Mr. Greer to serve as Board President for 2025. Mr. Greer accepted nomination to serve as president for the year. Motion passed.

Mr. Barbera moved to approve the minutes of the meeting on December 16, 2024. Mr. Greer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Barbera moved to approve the payment of the bills from January 6, 2025. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greer. The motion passed.

Privilege of the floor:

Mr. Jeff Hartman, 95 High St., was present to ask for forgiveness on extra water used for December's consumption due to a broken pipe in the basement. While sympathetic, Mr. Greer stated that the water charges will not be waived as it would set a precedence. The board would be willing to reduce the sanitary sewer charge, but Mr. Hartman does not have sewer service on his bill.

Mr. Paul Gummo, representing Mrs. Say of 144-M Royal Crest, was present to ask for forgiveness on the high-water usage charges dating back to July. Mr. Gummo stated that he had just become aware of the situation, Mrs. Say has been suffering from some issues and is now in assisted living. Mr. Gummo doesn't agree with the charges, stating he didn't think that much water could have run through the toilet and wondered if someone on the outside of the home was taking water. Mr. Greer noted on the board approving a payment plan for the large dollar amount, of which nothing has been paid on it. Mr. Greer noted that no payment for the electricity has been paid since September. Mr. Gummo arranged with the office to pay by January 10, 2025, based on the outcome of tonight's meeting. Based on the payment history and the length of time that has past, Mr. Greer declined the request to decrease the amount of the charges from July.

Utility Committee Report:

None

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Bittaker reported that the Wastewater Treatment bids were opened on December 20, 2024. The results were not favorable, with the low bid of \$4.7 million dollars. The engineering estimate was \$3.965 million. We changed the original bids and made alternates; however, the bid difference is 19.6%. With the difference being that high, we could throw out the bid. Mr. Bittaker did speak with Simonson Construction, the only bidder, to see if the contract could be worked out, they will be getting back to us. Moving forward, we are preparing to rebid the project with two simultaneous bids, one for the major SBR equipment and another for the construction. Legal counsel stated that we won't need to do anything else before going right into a new bidding process.

Mr. Bittaker is still waiting to hear back from John Courtney and Associates on his recommendation regarding our Net Metering policy.

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Office Manager's Report:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Mr. Greer moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barbera. The motion passed unanimously at 7:04 PM.



BRIAN GREER
PRESIDENT



JESSICA HARPER-BIGLEY
FISCAL OFFICER