

The Board of Public Affairs met in regular session on Thursday, June 17, 2010 at 8:10 p.m. at the Village Office.

Board members present: Richard Sauerlender, John Vershum and Jeff Pawlaczyk (8:45 p.m.)

Absent: John Vershum

Other officials present – Mayor Gary Loar, VFO Karin Sauerlender

Guest: Chad Klocheska and Jake Simon

Rich Sauerlender opened the meeting at 8:10 p.m. and recognized Chad Klocheska.

Klocheska asking to use plastic instead of copper to replace his service line. Would keep metal line in to locate line with tracer. Told he could use whatever plastic piping county specs call for. Scott Hansen will be asked to inspect line and meter installation before it's covered up.

Jake Simon – said Fire Dept. would like chart of flows for hydrants after connection. Flow should improve. Karin to call Ziad, tell him about fire station wanting flow charts. Jake picked up parts (\$100 worth) to repair broken water sleeve damaged by township employee while mowing. To bill Amboy for parts and labor.

Lift station – Jake and Scott changed out pump; problem was timer switch it had 1.5-minute delay. He and Scott asking if they need to do more with pumps, neither have information or much knowledge about them. Jake was told we should have spare working back up pump. He's located three old pumps, none appear in working condition. Jake not sure where to get repaired or rebuilt or if it would be cheaper to buy new. Board indicated they thought Rick was to have a rebuilt spare pump on hand. Jake said pumps don't appear to have been rebuilt. Board wanted pumps interchangeable in both stations. Jake said it appears both stations have same size pumps in them. Jake will call Rick tomorrow. If Jake has sewer questions he can also call Meiring.

New Tractor- mowing often, council looking into purchasing new mower. Jake said Ott's doesn't have record of any spring service on the mower. If village were to buy new mower he would take old one in for servicing. Board ok with taking 25% from water and 25% from sewer to purchase new mower. Board thought he should get it serviced as soon as possible. Mayor said they could use two mowers, just to keep up with the grass.

Water plant- Jake to look into keyless entry at water plant, Lowe's might carry them. Sauerlender asked if anything has been done about Steve Kovar and lime situation. Meiring hasn't written up incident report yet, but he will. Put letter in Meiring check asking he provide a written incident report in one week. Need to allow time for Steve to respond to incident before he's gone.

Council accepted Kovar's resignation; his last day is June 25.

Mayor Loar had discussion with EPA regarding Kovar leaving. Said if we don't have Rick or anybody else with licensure, we need a Water II operator for forty hours a week

at the plant, this might carry us through to plant closing. By rights a Water 2 would take us to July 1, at which time it becomes a Class III plant, and we would need a Water III operator 40 hours per week. EPA suggested we advertise for a short-term full-time Water II operator. Take applications until July 12. Karin to call Swanton and Delta for hourly rate for Class 2 operator. Look at Rick's water consultant contract for termination language. Mayor Loar reiterated what Ken from EPA said, As long as the Village is trying to meet regulations they are willing to work with us.

Board recommendation to increase Scott's hourly wage to \$13.00, plus benefits (including health insurance) and full-time severance package.

Mayor Loar talked to Ziad about situation— EPA said in meantime we would need Rick at the plant 20 to 30 hours per week. Now working about 11 hours per week. Ziad asked for documentation as to what it's now costing the village to operate the plant, what it will cost and balance in water fund. Karin said currently water fund has a round \$70,000 but we have to hold some back for Lisa and Scott's severance packages that are currently increasing. Final water billing revenue could pay severance packages. Mayor Loar asked Ziad if he thought the commissioners would allow Rick to work some of his county hours at our water plant. The Board requested Mayor Loar approach the commissioners about Rick working some county hours at our plant. They did create some of this problem for us. The following bills were presented for payment:

Bills paid previously:

Steve Kovar	Wages paid 05-24-10	\$ 1,198.84
Lisa Kutz	Wages paid 05-24-10	456.00
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V.S. Beck	Fiscal Officer bond	163.00
Metamora Post Office	CCR mailing postage	141.34

Current bills to be paid:

Bonded Chemical	Alum & chlorine	\$ 638.00
FedEx	Ship water samples	34.72
Jones & Henry Labs	Testing	98.20
Rick Meiring	Consulting	660.00
MHS Services	Excavate sewer line	750.00
OPWC	Interceptor loan payment	11,982.62
OWDA	Interceptor loan payment	20,395.97
Swanton Printing	Print CCR report	146.75
Century Link	Phone lines @ water plant	182.73
Village of Swanton	Testing, lime	378.63

Bills to be paid later:

Sue Clendenin	May salary	\$ 551.13
Karin Sauerlender	May salary	625.53

Payment of bills approved.

Dianne Metzger – 210 E. Main Street having water problems in basement. Her responsibility to seal basement floor drains and separate ssystem.

ODOT Lease – State-asking status of lease. Karin to check again with Gary Keys about electric costs.

Basin lid in planter box on W. Main- can we lower? Yes, Jake can lower.

Keys - make 5 new office keys. Provide Scott Hansen with office and tower key.

Mayor – has engineers working on costs, etc. to rebuild County Road 2 and redoing ditch. Missed deadline on stimulus funding for Solar Bee, which was May 14th. Ask Steve Brown about applying for Issue II.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Clendenin
Deputy Clerk