

BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 11, 2020

Mr. Boytim called the meeting to order in the meeting room of the former fire station at 7:00 p.m. Answering roll call were Mr. Robert Boytim and Mr. James Keys.

Also present were Fiscal Officer Rhonda Sowers, Water Superintendent Tony Joyce and Councilman Dean Dorko.

There were no visitors present.

Mr. Boytim moved to approve minutes of the January 14, 2020 regular meeting and January 23, 2020 special meeting. Second by Mr. Keys. Minutes approved as submitted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Keys moved to approve payment of bills totaling \$35,808.35 including January payroll. Second by Mr. Boytim. Vote: Mr. Keys-yes, Mr. Boytim-yes. Motion carried.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Bailey VanKirk who moved from the village and resigned her seat effective January 31, 2020. Mayor Bird will appoint a replacement in the near future.

Mr. Joyce reported caustic soda build up has reduced flow in pipes feeding the clear well and the pipes need to be either cleaned or replaced. Replacing the pipe requires shutting down the plant for approximately five days and obtaining water from the county system during that time. Mr. Joyce said the plant would not have to shut down to clean the pipe and noted there are several companies that could do the work. Mr. Joyce recommended that Solomon Diving clean the clear well after any work is completed. Mr. Keys moved to authorize up to \$10,000 for Mr. Joyce to proceed with having the repair work done. Second by Mr. Boytim. Vote: Mr. Keys-yes, Mr. Boytim-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Boytim and Mr. Keys expressed extreme displeasure over the hiring policy village council adopted last October. Mr. Keys said the policy is inflexible and noted point 5 in particular. Mr. Keys said he knew nothing of this policy until now and added that if he had known about its adoption last fall he would not have run for another term on the Board. Mr. Boytim took exception to item 6 which makes the department head responsible for preparing interview questions.

Councilman Dorko stated council has authority to set policy and invited Mr. Boytim and Mr. Keys to attend the February 12 council meeting to discuss their concerns.

Mr. Keys also objected to the open water operator position being advertised for Class I license holders rather than for Class I, II or III. Mrs. Sowers explained she couldn't advertise for a Class III operator because there is no pay rate for a Class III operator in the current pay ordinance. Councilman Dorko said there is nothing preventing a Class III operator from applying for a lower class opening. Applications for the open position are being accepted through March 6.

Mr. Boytim set a special meeting for 7:00 pm on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at the water plant, 106 Water Street, to discuss pay raises. Mr. Joyce reminded the board he has been warning them since last spring that they have got to raise pay in order to keep employees. Mr. Boytim said he has some ideas about how to make a pay raise available. Mr. Keys said he would like to see a detailed financial breakdown before making decisions about pay.

Mr. Joyce submitted four quotes for inspecting the water tower. The board will study these proposals prior to discussion at the March BPA meeting.

Mr. Keys moved to return water service deposits of \$50 each to Bay Point One LLC as well and Anna and Ralph Petersen. Second by Mr. Boytim. Vote: Mr. Keys-yes, Mr. Boytim-yes. Motion carried.


There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Keys and seconded by Mr. Boytim to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote.

APPROVED:



Robert S. Boytim, President
Board of Public Affairs

Attest:



Rhonda Botti Sowers
Fiscal Officer