

BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS MINUTES

Village of Burton

April 11, 2017

Mr. Barber called the BPA Meeting to order at 7:03 pm

Roll Call: Jeremy Neill – present, Tim Barber – present, Curt Johnson- present

Council Representative: Nick Tromba, present

Visitors: Mr. Steve Anderson, Christopher Paquette, Paul Eaton, Chip Hess, Lisa Hernandez,

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition of Visitors:

Mr. Steve Anderson is a maintenance worker for Debra Baxter (Acct#1270-2) of 14530 N. Cheshire. Ms. Baxter owns the building that formerly housed the 1798 Grille and is now vacant. There are also two apartments on the 2nd floor which are occupied at this time. There was a water leak (caused by a broken boiler) which has resulted in a high water/sewer bill. Mr. Anderson is seeking forgiveness of all, or part, of that bill.

At the time of the boiler incident Mr. Anderson said that the property had been vacant for several months. At that time, a boiler broke in the restaurant, which resulted in flooding down in the basement that they just pumped out. Mr. Anderson was asked how much water was pumped out; Mr. Anderson did not know but indicated that the water was mid-calf high. It was determined from the last bill that 68,436 gallons of water was used.

Mr. Barber made a motion to charge the account the full water cost (\$494.06), and 25% of the sewer charges, or \$213.15, for a total bill of \$707.21. Mr. Johnson seconded; by voice vote, the motion passed.

Cashier's Report

Ms. Hernandez informed the Board that only one account was shut off (from the list provided at the last meeting), but that account was turned on later that same day. There are 56 delinquent accounts at this time. Nine of these are currently on a payment plan.

Ms. Hernandez asked the Board for authorization to send a certified letter to Acct #4440, that was also on the delinquent list from the last meeting. This account is a "sewer only" account, and as such, Mr. Eaton was not able to turn off the water. The next step when this occurs is to send the resident a certified letter, stating that if payment is not received, their account will then be certified to taxes. The Board authorized Ms. Hernandez to send the certified letter out on April 12, 2017.

Account #4440 is on Carlton St., which led Mr. Johnson to raise the question of requiring mandatory tie-ins to Village water. Mr. Eaton reminded everyone that while it was mandatory for residents to have Village sewer, the Village is not requiring them to have water. Mr. Hess thought that there was some reason that they were not being required to have Village water. It was decided to seek Legal Counsel from Mr. Ondrey on this matter.

Legal: Legal counsel was not present at this meeting.

Mr. Barber asked that anything pertaining to BPA Rules and Regulations be moved under the Solicitor's Report, in the future.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Hess reported that things are moving along on Mr. Dvorak's property in terms of getting it hooked up to Village Water, with only a few technical things to change. It was also noted that Mr. Dvorak paid the fees associated with ¾" pipe, but that he might want 1" pipe in the future. Mr. Paquette added that the Village added an addendum that he must put a rider on his deed that neither he, nor future owners will object to annexation of the property in the future, should the Village ever wish to pursue the matter. Mr. Hess will make a note of the changes, but does not wish to sign off on approval of the work until the deed restriction is in place. Mr. Hess will wait to hear from Mr. Paquette on whether or not Mr. Dvorak wants a ¾" or 1" pipe.

Discussion then turned to the Village's lease with the City of Akron for land the Village is using to carry out operations of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This land contains a pipe that empties out into the Cuyahoga River. Mr. Barber would like to repair or replace the pipe. Mr. Paquette felt that the Village might need to get permission from the City of Akron, before making any repairs to the pipe, although the lease gives the Village access to the property, and the pipe is on that property; it is not known at this time, if there is an easement on the property. Mr. Ondrey will be asked for his legal opinion on this matter.

In other business, Mr. Barber would like BPA to meet with Council to discuss the possibility of joining with Middlefield to develop a joint sewer district. Mr. Barber felt it would be best to wait until the BPA receives the Memorandum of Understanding draft before proceeding further.

Neither Mr. Hess nor Mr. Paquette have heard anything from Mr. Said Abdu Abdallah from Arcadis, regarding the resubmission of the permit modification. Mr. Barber will send the Ohio EPA a white paper discussing meeting the current as well as future, copper limits.

Fiscal Officers Report:

Mr. Eaton asked that the March 14 minutes be amended to state that Lagoon Cleaning will take place by July 15, 2017. Mr. Barber made a motion to approve the March 14, 2017 minutes as amended, with the following change: the Lagoons will be cleaned in July by AgriSludge; seconded by Mr. Johnson. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to pay approved bills; seconded by Mr. Barber. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Operators Report:

Mr. Eaton asked that grease trap notification letters be sent out. Ms. Hernandez will send them out as soon as possible.

Mr. Barber shared that under the recommendations of Bonded Chemical, the wastewater treatment plant will be changing the source of the phosphates used, to something that has more ortho-phosphate in it, and they also wanted to increase the rate of input. According to Mr. Eaton they were out one time, and sampled. Mr. Eaton implemented the new product and doubled the dose. Mr. Eaton feels testing can take place in a month or two to see if the new

product is working. From a cost perspective, this new material is slightly less expensive, but since we will be doubling the rate, Mr. Eaton suggests there will be a 15% increase in the fee. At this time, it is not clear whether this will cause an issue with the discharge limit. If that does occur, Bonded Chemical can add something to lower the phosphate levels. This is ultimately a corrective action put in place for the copper levels, and will be monitored regularly.

The discussion then turned to filling the position for the Wastewater Treatment Assistant. Mr. Barber suggested contracting out to find some part time, temporary help, until a permanent replacement could be found. Mr. Paquette said that there was already a document in place that has been used in this type of situation. Mr. Barber then made a motion to have Mr. Paquette contact Mr. Rose and Mr. Carossia to see if either of them would be willing to work for the Village in a support position, on a part time basis, as needed, at a rate not to exceed \$50 an hour. Seconded by Mr. Neill. Roll call: Mr. Barber, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Neill, yes.

Old Business:

Regarding the Waste Water Treatment Plant expansion, Mr. Said Abdu Abdallah was contacted, and has no update.

The Board is waiting for the PTI application to be approved for the Construction Service Contract.

Mr. Barber will contact Bonded Chemical to ensure that the timing issues are correct for copper testing.

Mr. Barber has all the data for the Consumer Confidence Report and will work on it.

Mr. Barber asked Mr. Eaton when the next round of copper sampling would take place. Mr. Eaton said that it would be next year, for tap water.

The draft memorandum should be available regarding the potential sewer line to Middlefield within the next week.

New Business:

Mr. Barber made a motion to enter executive session at 8:38 pm to discuss personnel matters; seconded by Mr. Johnson. By voice vote, the motion passed. Mr. Johnson made a motion to leave executive session at 9:17 pm; seconded by Mr. Neill. By voice vote the motion passed.

With regard to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Assistant candidate: Mr. Barber made a motion to offer the position to Mark Rhoades as Wastewater Treatment Plant Assistant, on a probationary basis of 6 months at a rate of \$18.50 an hour, vacation time of 120 hours and other benefits as provided in the employee manual, and with the stipulation that he obtains his class II waste water treatment license in 12 months. Seconded by Mr. Neill. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Adjournment:

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 pm; seconded by Mr. Barber. By voice vote, the motion passed.