

**DECEMBER 15, 2023**  
**VILLAGE OF SOMERSET BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS MEETING**

**Members present were:** Greg Litzinger, Jim Wilson and Karen Cooperider. Also present were Kenny Beisser and Kelly Beem.

**Minutes:** Greg motioned to approve the minutes from November 7, 2023, seconded by Jim. All voted Aye.

**Pay Ordinances:** Greg motioned to approve Pay Ordinance 18-23, seconded by Karen. All voted Aye. Greg motioned to approve Pay Ordinance 19-23, seconded by Karen. All voted Aye.

BPA would like George Spears to look at the N. Columbus pump station to see what needs done to keep both pumps running. We may need to increase our amps. We currently run on 10 AMPS, and we may need at least 15 AMPS.

AJ is temporary Lab Certified. Not quite ready to work at the plant alone.

**EPA notice for hours at the Water Treatment Plant: (Per Eric Hart, EPA)**

Our designated Class III operator is only required to be present at the water system 5 days per week for 40 hours total time. However, they (or another operator of at least Class II) must be available if needed at all times the water plant is producing water. That means capable of responding within a reasonable time if needed, not out of town on vacation, etc. Also, a Village representative (not necessarily a licensed operator) must visit the treatment plant each day it is operating. So, somebody must show up at some point on weekends if the plant is operating. No time requirement is specified. They just need to show up to make sure everything is operating properly, water isn't shooting up into the air. etc...

With this information, we can stop wasting on weekends, and only need someone to check the plants. Maybe 2 hours on weekends. This could also eliminate the nightly checks during the week.

Greg motioned to approve only 2 hours on weekend days and water plant, and no wasting, seconded by Karen. Jim voted No, and Greg and Karen with yes votes. This will take affect the first of the year. Jim would like to meet with Ike to discuss further.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Generator maintenance:** We received a quote from WW Williams on yearly maintenance And service of all the generators for \$5,950.00. BPA would like Kenny to get another quote from someone else more local to us.

**Pool water bill:-** Kelly shared the pool water bill is \$177.00 They emptied the pool to clean and remove leaves, then filled it again. They usually don't do this. BPA said to charge them for the water and that the only free water is the initial fill up.

**Scada estimates:** Ike gave Kelly an estimate for needed items for the Scada system. Looks to be about \$1,000, plus George Spears labor charges, not to exceed that amount. BPA would like to discuss at the first meeting in January again.

Ike gave an estimate from Ferguson for 6-8 inch valves that is needed. BPA wants to wait till next year.

Kelly reported she received an email from Zach Anderson, from EPA, stating we are approved to remain on the triennial monitoring.

Kenny states they really need a vehicle for the sewer plant. Kelly budgeted up to \$35,000 in 2024 for a new truck. Greg told Kenny to start looking, but we will purchase in 2024.

Kenny had in invoice for \$577 for GIS. This will need paid in order for the iPad to connect to the water plant. Greg motioned to approve, seconded by Jim. All voted Aye.

BPA approved keeping Steve on at the sewer plant as part-time up to 29.5 hours a week.

Discussion on the Sludge Press. We are still waiting on IBI to release the plans so we can give to Klinefelder.

Kenny to purchase lime to reduce ammonia.

Kenny has a quote for a new backhoe of \$118,462.42. He will get lease options as well.

Greg would like to recommend to the Mayor to re-appoint Karen Cooperider to BPA. Jim seconded. Kelly will have Mayor confirm the appointment at the next council meeting.

Greg motioned to go into executive session to discuss personnel, seconded by Jim.

No further business was discussed.

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President Greg Litzinger

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Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem