

JULY 16, 2019
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS MEETING

Jim Wilson, Karen Cooperider and Greg Litzinger present. Also attending was Kelly Beem and Lane Mulford.

MINUTES: The minutes from June 18, 2019 were read. Greg motioned to approve, seconded by Karen. All voted Aye.

PAY ORDINANCE 12-2019: After reviewing the payables, Karen motioned to approve, seconded by Greg. All voted Aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

High St. Water Tank Painting: Kelly has the agreement with OPWC to paint the tank. Total award is \$97,998.00. Of that, \$48,999 is OPWC Loan, and \$48,999 is OPWC Grant. Greg motioned to approve, seconded by Karen. All voted Aye. Kelly will get councils approval for Mayor to sign.

BILL FOR 319 N COLUMBUS: Kelly asked when the project will be completed so she can send a bill to Mike Flautt. Paul still needs to pick up parts and will contact Mike to finish.

NEW BUSINESS:

1565 Big Inch Road across from the water plant wants to get water service. They will have to bore under the road at their expense. Greg motioned to approve extending service to them, seconded by Karen. All voted Aye. The homeowner is responsible for the bore and tap fees.

Kelly came across a home at 244 N. Columbus St that is only getting a sewer bill. The water has been off for over 2 years, and the owner is paying just the monthly sewer bill. Notes on the account shows the owner will not let anyone inside the home to check the meter. Lane and Paul are to check the outside curb box and possible disconnect it.

Paul and Brandon had to repair a sewer line that was cut by a Fiber Optic company at Holy Trinity Church. We will bill the company for parts, and labor.

Lane asked why we do not get the extra Holidays that New Lexington gets. We currently get 6 holidays a year. Jim explained that Council sets the Holidays and it would have to run through them. But we are a small Village and cannot offer what the bigger Villages or towns receives.

Lane stated that it is unfair to offer Comp Time to first year employees and not the others. Jim explained that the first year employees have no sick or vacation time and this helps if they need time off. After the first year, employees get vacation and sick time.

Lane also asked why employees do not get bereavement hours. Karen stated that sick time is used as bereavement.

Lane said he may be leaving because he feels like he is losing benefits and he can more money running a backhoe.

Brandon has been here almost a year, and Lane would like to switch to the water department and have Brandon go out to Sewer Plant. This would help both of them to learn the systems. Brandon has to make sure he has his hours in at the water plant before they switch.

Kelly shared a spreadsheet that Karen asked for regarding overtime hours for the past few years. Karen stated we hired two guys to stop overtime. BPA will discuss later.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

President Jim Wilson

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem