

MARCH 19, 2024
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS MEETING

Members present: Greg Litzinger and Jim Wilson. Also present were Kenny Beisser and Kelly Beem.

Minutes: The minutes from March 5, 2024 were reviewed. Since Jim was not at that meeting this will need to be approved when Karen is there.

Pay Ordinance 4-2024: After review, Greg motioned to approve, seconded by Jim.

Kelly presented a tax lien for 213 W. Main St. of \$618.00 Greg motioned to approve, seconded by Jim.

Greg talked about the 2 loans we have applied for. The water loan is \$287,593 for engineering and design, which would be about \$1.33 per customer. The sewer loan is \$606,500 for engineering and design, which would be about \$4.23 per customer. This year we raised water rates 3% and sewer \$5.00. Next increase we will have to raise water \$5.00 and sewer 3%.

Greg stated Ohio TT is moving their antenna from the water tower to the cell tower. They are hoping this will be better service for everyone, and be able to serve the water and sewer departments.

Kelly has a couple properties asking to waive the water and sewer bills since there is no water/sewer connections inside. They would like to verify this before we stop the bills.

121 E Main St. will be needing taps for both water and sewer. Kelly stated that they need to establish costs for the larger taps. Also, someone needs to verify with owner on fire suppression.

Kenny:

1. Sludge is dead and can't be processed. Polymer not working. He received a quote from Zemba's to haul 25,000 gallons to the City of Zanesville for \$5,000.00. Jim motioned to approve, seconded by Greg. They need to find a solution to this so it doesn't happen again.
2. Breakers for ditch need new connector. We need 4. Refurbished connectors would be \$2200, and new would be \$3200.0. Greg motioned to approve the refurbished connectors, seconded by Jim.
3. Kenny would like to purchase 2 fans from Rural King at \$129.99 each. This would help blow out the sludge. Some electrical work may need to be done. Greg motioned to approve, seconded by Jim.
4. Power poles at the sewer plant are bad. The conduit on North Drive is pulling away from the pole. Kelly mentioned to contact Waibel Electric and see if they can re-bolt it on.
5. Kenny asked about a new mower. BPA would like to keep what we have for now. It still runs. We may look at a used mower. Greg knows someone with one for sale and in great shape.

No further business was discussed.

BPA President Greg Litzinger

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem