

**OCTOBER 17, 2023**  
**VILLAGE OF SOMERSET BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS MEETING**

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

**MINUTES:** Greg motioned to approve the minutes from October 3, 2023, seconded by Jim. All voted Aye.

**PAY ORDINANCE 16-23:** Greg motioned to approve, seconded by Karen. All voted Aye.

Steve turned in his 2-week notice. His last day is Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>.

Steve reports the Waste Pump that leads to the digester is clogged. The new pump was installed, but nothing is coming through. The parts are all rusted. He will contact Stutske to see if they can take it apart.

Steve received quotes from WW Williams to service the Sewer Depts large generators. They will be served 2 times a year for \$4,295.00. BPA would like to have the water department's generator quoted as well by next meeting. We could sell the portable generator and purchase smaller ones to connect to each lift station.

The S. Columbus Lift Station has a band aid fix for now. Stutske clamped it together but stated the whole thing needs fixed. The quote for that is \$7,250.00.

Ike got a quote from Stutske to explore dig the valve at the Gay St. water tank. The quote was \$1,950.00. Karen motioned to approve, seconded by Jim. All voted Aye.

Steve left the meeting.

Kelly and BPA discussed their finances and new employees. Adjusting the water and sewer rates were also discussed. Kelly- mentioned just raising the minimum bills a flat rate. More discussion to follow.

Kenny Beisser came in for an interview. He would like to work full-time at the sewer plant. He asked for \$28.50 an hour since he would have to pay for his medical insurance, and he would like to have 4 weeks' vacation. Greg motioned to hire Kenny at \$28.50 an hour and allow the 4 weeks vacation. But he will then follow the vacation and sick time as in the Employee Handbook. Karen seconded his motion. All voted Aye.

No further business was discussed.

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President Greg Litzinger

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Kelly Beem, Fiscal Officer