

PLEASANT HILL BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS MEETING

MAY 23, 2006

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BPA President, Stan Fessler, called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. Roll Call: Stan Fessler, Kory Krofft, and Jamie Clark present. Others present: Bob Chaney Service Superintendent and Brenda Krofft BPA clerk.

Jamie moved to approve the March 28, 2006 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Kory. Roll Call: Jamie, Kory and Stan yes. Motion carried.

Citizens Concerns:

No citizens were present.

President Stan Fessler would like to implement a five-minute time limit for residents to speak at a Board Meeting. Kory agreed that would be a good idea as long as the residents didn't have to sign up to speak.

Clerk Report:

BPA clerk, Brenda Krofft stated that the Village had some new residents moving into the Pipers Pine sub-division. The letter to the residents concerning the water/sewer rate changes is ready to go to the printers and hopefully that will be ready for mailing in a few days. Stan suggested possibly checking out the UPS store for printing the letter. He had heard that they were cheaper on printing charges than Staples. Clerk will check into costs for printing letter to residents. The clerk stated that envelopes would need to be purchased for mailing the letter and consumer report. Brenda mentioned that Fiscal Officer Tony Fessler faxed a copy of a letter to the Village Solicitor Paul Wagner regarding the lady who backed into a fire hydrant. She still has not paid for the repair to the hydrant. Tony just wanted the Board to know that he is still trying to collect this bill.

Department Reports:

Village Superintendent, Bob Chaney reported since last meeting there were a few leaks to be fixed. One was on Monument Street next to Rick Baker's home. The Village fixed that with the help of Pat Cullars. Pat's bill is around \$900. There were a couple other leaks around

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town that were resident leaks. One minor leak was on W. High and is to be fixed. The other one was across from the gas station and was a fairly major leak that the homeowner contracted with Pat Cullars to fix.

Received a quote from Sidney Electric for a dual high-level alarm light and hour meters for the lift station at Ash Knoll for \$1900. This is quite a bit higher than the quote received from Garber Electric. But the quote from Garber was for a single high-level alarm light only for \$828. Bob is going to contact Garber to get a quote for the same items so the Board can compare costs. Kory mentioned that he could do the installation work and would do some investigation on parts cost. He is going to meet with Bob at a later date to go to the lift station to see exactly what would be necessary to do the installation. Some discussion was held regarding the parameters for the alarm light.

Bob has a concern about the evergreens that have been planted by the lift station. They get fairly tall and Bob feels that they may be a problem in the future. The Board feels that Bob need to take this concern to the Village Council.

Parts for the communitor have been received. Last month the Board approved the purchase of these parts. The actual cost came in at approximately \$2300, which is \$100 over the approved amount. The gearbox on the top of the communitor needed new seals and bearings. Seals and bearings were purchased from Bornell for \$90. Hopefully the communitor will be running by the weekend.

Bob talked to Jason Winner from Fanning/Howey regarding the Sludge Drying Beds. Jason told him that he should contact the EPA. Bob stated that he is going to wait until our next audit and talk to the EPA regarding removal of the Sludge Drying Beds. Jason didn't feel that this was something that an engineer can do. If there is something specific that the EPA needs, Jason is willing to help but he feels the initial contact should come from the Village.

Received correspondence back from EPA regarding our official decline of their grant.

Received an invoice for Sewage Sludge Fee from EPA for \$100. We have to pay the EPA even though we use Mike's Sanitation. Kory moved to pay this invoice. Seconded by Stan. Roll call: Kory and Stan, yes. Jamie, no. Motion carried.

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New Business:

Stan had a complaint from the Fire Department regarding a fire hydrant out of service. They had a fire and hooked up to an inactive fire hydrant. There was another hydrant three feet away and the Department did hook up successfully to that one. Stan requested that when we take one out of service we should inform the Fire Department. Bob agreed to do so.

Bob has had an inquiry about residents possibly purchasing old fire hydrants that have been taken out of service. Jamie proposed that we could charge \$65 per hydrant to any resident wishing to purchase one. Kory seconded. Roll Call: Jamie, Kory and Stan, yes. Motion carried.

Stan asked about the articles that are stored on the slab at the plant. There are a couple of copiers that Bob is reluctant to throw away due to being purchased with government funds. Stan stated that these items couldn't be any good anymore due to sitting out in the weather. Bob stated that most is junk. Stan inquired about an old generator that was at the plant. Bob stated it was still there and he would like to see it mounted on a trailer to use as a portable power source. Stan asked if it would be able to run the plant in case all power was off due to a natural disaster. Bob stated he didn't think it would be able to power the plant.

Jamie asked that since the new rate increase for water/sewer was now in effect, if we were going to put out requests for proposals regarding the treatment plant. Bob mentioned that Jones and Henry were interested in talking to the Board and the Board is sure Fanning/Howey would be interested. Kory and Stan would like to wait until late summer or early fall before hiring an engineering firm.

Bob feels we need to buy pressure release valves to keep on hand before doing any other large street projects. Not having them was part of the cause of several water leaks during the Long St. project. They are approx. \$1000 each. These can be purchased closer to when a new project is started.

Jamie asked about whether we had heard from any business regarding renting space on top of the water tower for an internet tower or possibly cell tower. Kory stated that he had

spoken with Virtual Public to let them know of the Board's displeasure over their presentation. He had been very specific about the cost the Board would consider. He felt that they wasted the time of the Board with their proposal, as the cost was much higher than the Board can afford. The board would like to contact cell companies about renting space.

Stan talked about the possibility of increasing Bob's holiday days from 6 days to 8. This will possibly need to be discussed and coordinated with the Village Council. This is something that Stan wants the other Board members to think about.

Jamie had a question regarding Guittar's property at the edge of the cemetery. Are they going to fill in the ditch and replace the sidewalk leading to the cemetery? Bob said that yes, the Village is going to fill in the ditch but he doesn't know about the sidewalk. Stan stated that he was pretty sure that a resident would not have paid to put in the sidewalk to the cemetery so he feels that the Village probably originally paid to put in the sidewalk. When the 718 Project is done, the ditch will be worked into the plans. Still unknown about who will pay for the sidewalk replacement.

Old Business:

Kory moved to pay bills, seconded by Jamie. Roll Call: Kory, Jamie and Stan all yes. Motion carried.

Jamie moved to adjourn, seconded by Kory. Roll Call: Jamie, Kory and Stan all yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

President: Stanley Fessler

Clerk: Brenda Krofft