

PLEASANT HILL BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS MEETING  
JULY 25, 2006  
MINUTES

BPA President, Stan Fessler, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll Call: Stan Fessler, Kory Krofft and Jamie Clark were present. Guests: Daniel Miller and J. Douglas Brookhart from Jones and Henry Engineers LTD, Joseph Gillette, Lawrence Blessing and Deborah Collett, residents. Others present: Robert Chaney, Village Superintendent and Brenda Krofft, BPA clerk.

Jamie Clark motioned to approve the June regular meeting minutes, Kory seconded the motion. Roll Call: Jamie, Kory and Stan all yes. Motion carried.

Citizens Concerns:

Joseph Gillette asked questions in regards to a letter he received from the Village pertaining to a junk vehicle. After a brief discussion, the Board informed Mr. Gillette that he needed to speak to the Village Council not the Board of Public Affairs. Mr. Gillette thanked the Board for their time and then left the meeting.

Clerk Report:

BPA clerk, Brenda Krofft stated she had received a phone call from the owner of the property at 107 N. Main Street, Rick Miller in regards to his water/sewer bill. Mr. Miller was requesting that due to a fire at his property in April, he has one unit in his apartment building that is unlivable. He would like a credit for May and June's billing of the sewer base, garbage and Capital Improvement Water and Sewer. Kory moved that the credits be approved, Stan seconded the motion. Roll Call: Kory, Stan and Jamie all yes. The motion carried. The Board also recommended that we suggest to Mr. Miller that he may want to put in a separate meter for each unit.

The clerk has been receiving notes in the water bill payments in regards to the new rates. Brenda would like to know if the Board would like for her to respond to all notes. The Board felt that if the notes were of a complaint type that she could respond with the information about when the BPA meets and that any questions or complaints should be directed to the Board at that time.

Brenda then brought up the situation regarding the delinquent billing for the Hixon resident at 7599 Lauver Road. Brenda has sent numerous letters and billings to the Hixon's new address in Tipp City in regards to the outstanding balance of \$218.88. To date, we have not received any response to these letters. The Board would like the BPA clerk to contact the Village Solicitor, Paul Wagner for help in resolving this issue.

Resident, Lawrence Blessing and his daughter Deborah Collett asked several questions about the new water/sewer rates. They were interested in what the capital improvement charges were being used for. It was explained that the water capital improvement money goes to pay the water tower fund and that the capital improvement sewer fund is being put into a fund for upgrades or replacement of the water treatment plant.

Guests Doug Brookhart from Jones and Henry Engineering Firm spoke about their firm's qualifications. They specialize in water and wastewater plants. The company has been in business for 80 years. They have done work in several surrounding communities. Their company feels our plant is doing a great job for Pleasant Hill. Our plant design is a type of design-oxidation pits-they still use in new plants. Their firm is currently installing plants like our in several communities in Ohio.

Daniel Miller distributed a brochure showing our plant. He had visited with Bob Chaney, Village Superintendent, last fall to review our plant. Our plant is getting close to the peak usage. He noted some issues with the final clarifier. We have two ditches but only one clarifier. We would have to use some emergency measures such as pumping to remove sludge if the clarifier were out of operation. He also noted the UV system needs a little extra help. He found the plant to be fairly well maintained. The firm feels we are reaching our plant design limitations. Due to the growth of the area, his firm would like to do a study to see whether the plant needs to be repaired or replaced. Their firm, if hired, would do a master plan.

#### Department Reports:

Village Superintendent, Bob Chaney asked that we renew the agreement for his and Assistant Superintendent, Jeff Derkson's pagers for two years. Kory motioned to approve that expense. Stan seconded. Roll Call: Kory and Stan, yes. Jamie voted no because there wasn't any dollar amount attached to the agreement.

Bob then presented an invoice to the Ohio EPA for \$200 for air pollution emission permit for methane discharge at the wastewater plant. Stan

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motioned to approve this invoice, Kory seconded. Roll Call: Stan, Kory and Jamie all yes.

Bob asked for payment to Jay Roberts of Bradford for \$60.00. Mr. Roberts came to Pleasant Hill to help with a weekend wastewater treatment plant check when the Village Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent were on vacation. Kory motioned to approve this expense, Stan seconded. Roll Call: Kory, Stan and Jamie all yes. Motion carried.

Bob gave an update on the Robbins property. The council had asked that Freeda Robbins receive two estimates for repairing her toilet that was damaged during the installation of the curbs on the Long Street Project. Mrs. Robbins has submitted her two estimates to council. The two quotes were from Circle Hill Plumbing for \$2650.00 and PDC Plumbing for \$1984.00. Because of the great difference between the two estimates, Council would like Mrs. Robbins to get a third quote. She is extremely reluctant to do this as it costs her for the estimates. Her feeling is that the Council only asked for two, which she has provided. A portion of the cost of the repair will be the responsibility of the BPA therefore Bob was presenting the two quotes to the BPA for their opinion. Kory moved to approve PDC Plumbing as the contractor to fix her toilet. Stan seconded the motion. The Board would, however, like a letter drafted from the solicitor to Mrs. Robbins stating that they would pay for the replacement of this toilet only once. They want it make clear that if she has future problems with this basement toilet the BPA will not be responsible for the repairs. Roll Call: Kory, Stan and Jamie all yes. Motion carried.

While Vectren Gas was trying to turn off a delinquent gas customer, their service person put a hole in a water line at 406 N. Main St. The repair bill for \$1500 from PDC Plumbing and the bill for Bob and Jeff's time for this repair will be forwarded to Vectren.

Bob spoke with Duwayne Owings, the owner of the car wash at 33 N. Main St., about the EPA requirements letter he received regarding operating a car wash. Mr. Owings wants to do whatever it takes to make the car wash EPA compliant. Bob called a Covington car wash to see what they use and they only have a gravel trap requirement. Bob's only major concern is that this car wash is tying into a line that already has three or four properties tied into it. Bob would like to approach Mr. Owings about possibly setting up a separate line for the car wash and laundry. Bob feels that this line is already over burdened. Kory made a motion to approve the use of the car wash with the gravel trap installation provided the owner puts the car wash and laundry on a separate line to the main and

meets all other legal requirements. Jamie seconded. Roll Call: Kory, Jamie and Stan all yes.

Bob reported that the Mayor feels this may be the time to investigate requirements for a car wash. With the growth of the Village it isn't unlikely that

New Business:

Jamie proposed a new ordinance regarding car washes. Kory suggested the board might want to cover in the ordinance more than just car washes. At past meetings there had been discussion on industrial water usage. Any industry that wants to use large quantities of water outside from the system would need a permit. As part of the permit process, there would be certain list of requirements to meet to receive the permit. Then the board could define what the requirements would be. This would be the opportunity to cover any commercial water usage. Jamie motioned for the First Reading by Title of an Ordinance for Commercial Water Usage. Kory seconded the motion. Roll Call: Jamie, Kory and Stan all yes. Motion passed.

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 9:07 pm.

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President: Stanley Fessler

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Clerk: Brenda Krofft