

PLEASANT HILL BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2006
MINUTES

BPA President, Stan Fessler, called the meeting to order at 7:35p.m. Roll Call: Stan Fessler, Kory Krofft and Jamie Clark were present. Others present: Brenda Krofft, BPA Clerk and Village Superintendent, Robert Chaney.

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

Citizens Concerns: No citizens present.

President Stan Fessler thanked the BPA clerk, Brenda Krofft for her work with the Board. This will be her last meeting due to her resignation.

Clerk Report:

BPA clerk, Brenda Krofft reported that the Hixon family who live at 7599 Lauver Road have paid their delinquent water/sewer bill. Bob Chaney has turned the water back on.

The fiscal officer had given the clerk a "release of all liability" form that was to be signed by Freeda Robbins before she received her check for the new toilet she is to have installed in her basement at 11 S. Long Street. Bob thought she had already received the check and therefore had signed the release form. He will check into the matter and report back to the fiscal officer.

The fiscal officer had also wanted the BPA clerk to update the board as to the status of the recovery of funds for when Vectren put a hole in a water line while trying to turn off gas service on N. Main Street. Vectren feels the hole was not due to negligence on the part of their employee and is offering \$500.00 as a good faith payment between two utilities. A letter was shown to the board from Vectren stating their position. The board does not want to accept this settlement. They would like for the Village solicitor to push Vectren for a complete payment of all expenses in regards to the repair of the damage. The board also would like to see Pat Cullars of PDC Plumbing paid for his services. Kory moved to pay Mr.

Cullars for the repairs made, Jamie seconded the motion. Roll Call: Kory, Jamie and Stan all yes. Motion carried. Clerk will report the motion and acceptance to the fiscal officer for payment of bill.

The clerk stated that Cindy Kendrick had sent a letter asking for removal of late fees on her water bill due. She has never been late and this time had lost her water bill. Jamie motioned to remove the \$19.88 in late fees, Kory seconded the motion. Roll Call: Jamie, Kory and Stan all yes. Motion carried.

BPA President then motioned to support Debra Cress for the BPA clerk position. The other members had not attended the interview process which had been held on September 25th. Jamie seconded the motion. Roll Call: Stan and Kory, yes. Jamie abstained. Motion Carried. This will be reported to the Village council.

As this will be the last meeting attended by Brenda Krofft, she asked the Board to approve hours for the training of the new employee in water/sewer procedures. The board would like the outgoing BPA clerk to come back to help the new clerk run water bills when they are next due. Jamie motioned to approve payment of up to ten hours of training by Brenda Krofft with the new BPA clerk. Stan seconded the motion. Roll Call: Jamie and Stan yes, Kory abstained. Motion carried.

Stan then spoke about the pay rate for this position. Council will set the fee with BPA paying their portion. The Board's assumption is that the pay rate will continue as current unless there is a significant reason for the rate to change. An example of the reason might be the candidate of choice does not accept the offer or the Village Council after investigation finds the current climate suggests the rate should be adjusted.

Department Reports:

Village Superintendent, Bob Chaney reported that the Bissett family on North Main had complained about their water usage. Their last water bill had been estimated due the inability to get a reading due to a broken wire on the meter. Their previous billing had been quite a large bill. They questioned Bob as to whether that billing could have been incorrect. Upon further discussion with Mr. Bissett, it was found that they had been using a "Slip and Slide" for the neighbor children. Bob explained just how much one could use and the Bissetts felt that perhaps that was the cause of the larger water bill. Bob will keep an eye on this property for any further problems.

Bob reported that the reason they would like to install a manhole cover behind the Laundromat is to mark the end of the Village lines and to make working on those lines much more accessible. Stan reported that the Car Wash/ Laundromat owner, Duwayne Owings has contacted him for a variance to postpone the separation of the sewer lines for two years so as to spread the costs over more years. The owner had agreed to comply with EPA requirements and a request by the BPA to separate the Laundromat / carwash sewer line from the sewer line it currently shares with other residences nearby. The Board is willing to grant the postponement but is concerned that once Mr. Owings is operating, they would have no way to enforce compliance should he fail to separate the sewer lines within two years. The Board would like to contact the Village solicitor to find out the proper procedures to grant this variance.

Bob then stated he had a surprise visit from Joe Miller for the EPA. Everything went well. And while Mr. Miller was there, Bob spoke to him in regards to removing the sludge drying beds due to non use. Mr. Miller stated they could dismantle these whenever the Village would like. Bob then said this may be a project for the spring.

The Superintendent received a letter from Mike's Sanitation in regards to the cost going up for hauling. The extra cost will be approximately \$70.00 per hauling.

Bob also received a renewal billing of \$100.00 from the Ohio Rural Water Association. Jamie made a motion to pay this bill. Kory seconded the motion. Jamie, Kory and Stan all yes. Motion carried.

New Business:

Old Business:

Stan would like for the other board members to be thinking about pay rates for Village employees to be discussed at a future date. The pay rates have not been adjusted in two years.

Kory had a question on the bill to CMI in regards to the addendum presented at last meeting. It was decided then that the board would decline the hardware maintenance agreement for \$550.00 but would agree to the software support agreement for \$400.00. While looking at the bills, there was a cover letter that states we are paying \$400.00 for hardware support. Kory would like verification as to what we have paid for. Stan

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motioned to pay bills, seconded by Jamie. Roll Call: Stan and Jamie, yes. Kory, no. Motion carried.

Kory moved to adjourn, seconded by Stan. Roll Call: Kory, Stan and Jamie all yes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

President: Stanley Fessler

Clerk: Brenda Krofft