

## Service Minutes

March 04, 2020

Scott call the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Members present: Scott Weaver, Robert Gaglione, Paula Tubalkain

Others present: John Trew, Mayor Clark, Ellie Stamm, Jason H., Tina Long, John Soukup, Harry Buchert, Rich Iafelice, and Gene Arters

Motion to approve the February minutes: by Scott second by Bob all yeas

**Citizens:** Tina Long- wanted to know what the status was of her concern about her neighbor's property (Tom Knipper) Tina says there are 2 vehicles there that have never move. That the value of her house has gone down. That there is trash laying everywhere. That on Tuesday **night** there was a bobcat on the neighbor's property after dark moving (9) nine vehicles around. (Mrs. Long stated she has more pictures) John Trew said that he has spoking to Tom about this and the Mayor she has also spoken to him. Service asked John to send a letter.

**VA Report:** John advised that Chelsea's last day was March 04, 2020 and that he and Mayor have started interviewing for the position. They have done 2 so far and 3 more on Thursday. There are about 4 or 5 more to go thru, but that he would like to hire someone to start ASAP. John reported that he has been interviewing WTP and WWTP operators with the Mayor and the county. So far they have no license or not qualified as far they have a license but no maintenance knowledge.

**Orchard Widening:** Gene Arters gave a presentation to the Orchard Street stakeholders. Explaining the turning radius, which polies Ohio Edison are moving. That O.E. plans on having their part done by May 01, 2020. Still working on if there are gas lines that need moved, bid out the project. That the project will take about 6 weeks, but there will still be traffic on the street. That we will try and work business on the time of day so as not to impact the businesses.

### **APPARENTALLY LOST AUDIO DURING Gene's presentation and Scott didn't notice.**

**Analysis of water sewer fund report.** Rich says he got his information from Jenny, Chelsea and from our 2019, 2020 budget. He went over the actual revenues/receipts from last year and the anticipated for 2020 and the expenses. By the end of the year if things continue as they are today we will have about \$64,000.00??? left in water by the end of the year and be in the **red** about \$100,000 in sewer. After much discussion and adjusting the figures (things like to \$100K we need in water for the reservoir, it was determined that we could do \$50K this year and \$50K in 2021. Take out the projects at the WWTP for this year and only take care of the sanitary line through Compass parking lot and a few more tweaks). The Mayor a point of caution that if the EPA comes out to do an inspection, we will get dinged on the sand beds and the oxidation ditch, possibly more). But to keep sewer out of the red we need to do something now, after more discussion and calculating. Paula made the motion to charge an additional \$30.00 fee/operational cost to the sewer side of the bill to keep us in the black. Scott seconded all yeas. They asked the Mayor to talk with Michele to do the legislation.

The Mayor said she is going to contact one of the commissioners in the next day or so. That we are county residents as well as Village residents and that even if they don't end with a merger that we would like them to consider taking over running our plants on a permanent basis. Mayor said she will get Council approval to write another letter to the Commissioners.

Discussion on Jim Moncy's bill, the Mayor explained that Jim called her about his bill and the increasing rates. Mayor checked with Chelsea and got a printed report. Back in August of last year Jim's usage was 1045 c.f. per month, it has been increasing every month since then. And in January of this year it is 3180. The mayor explained to Jim that a big part of his increase appears to be a possible leak, The Mayor advised on the simple way to check it out or he could call a plumber. Jim is sure he doesn't have a leak. That it's our high rates. He said he gets billed for his usage and then there is a \$45.00 per unit charge on top of that. The Mayor said she would look into it.

Scott asked what was going on from the letters Council had Michele to send to Benner and Stutzman. The Mayor reported that Benner had their attorney contact John and asked that we let them just leave the one meter in and pay the surcharge on each unit. The attorney was advised that only Council can make that decision. Stutzman is out of town until May.

Ordinance 2020-14 amending the employee handbook- Scott made a motion to send on to Council Paula seconded all yeas.

**Auto read meters** The Mayor presented the December meter quote from Neptune for \$200,000.00 to replace all meters, Neptune schedules and installs them. The Mayor said that we have 3 guys 3 days a month read the meters and about 100 residents call in their readings and we still don't get them all. And it cost the village approximately \$18,544.32 and she still needs to figure the billing clerk's time. With the auto reads installed it would take about one hour a month to do the reads. The billing clerk's time will be much less as the reader sends the readings right to the program and uploads it. There would be a few steps to check everything out but the time spent manually inputting every read and rechecking or having the guys read meters if something doesn't look correct, many houses save there. The Mayor said Neptune offers financing or we can get our own. Bob made a motion to move on this, but said we need to have finance for review with updated cost and financing available to send to council. Scott second all yeas

Scott said we are tabling old business as it's getting late.

Mayor Clark that she will be going out of town around the 19<sup>th</sup> as her sister is not doing well and she needs to help get things in order.

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 by Scott all yeas