

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING –

March 6, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Zack Gallagher, Troy Lauffer, Brian Blankenship

GUESTS PRESENT: Connie Miller, Joette Dedden, Chris Colvin

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Copeland

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Mr. Gallagher.
2. Quorum was achieved – Three members were present.
3. Mr. Gallagher made a motion to accept the January 3, 2023 minutes and was seconded by Mr. Blankenship.

3 Yeas

4. Mr. Gallagher stated the Village water is continually tested, but with the issues of the train derailment there have been requests from the community to have an independent test to specifically test for the compounds of vinyl chloride. This would cost approximately \$250. Mr. Lauffer said he does not feel this is necessary since the Village is no where near the area. Mr. Gallagher stated that ground wise the Village supply is not near, but there is the worry of air wise because the chemicals were burned. He also added that while, this is probably not a factor as the fronts were moving northwest at the time, it would still give the residents peace of mind. Mr. Blankenship pointed out that it is not a lot of money and well worth the cost to ensure the residents of water quality. The committee agreed that this would be beneficial.
5. Chief Copeland went over ongoing and upcoming projects for the Village:
 - a. Starting to get bid proposals for the stoplight at Route 42 and North Street.
 - b. F550 has been fitted with a plow blade.
 - c. Raymond Faymon from RCAP (Rural Community Assistance Partnership) met with Brian Keith and received a tour of the water facility. Mr. Faymon used to be an employee of the Village in the Water Department and was very impressed with the upgrades and improvements to the system. He provided the Village with information of the programs RCAP offers. Chief Copeland suggested using RCAP to TV the storm lines on Franklin for the upcoming OPWC project.
 - d. The Water Department cleaned up and organized the water emergency response trailer. This will help keep proper inventory. They also organized and inventoried the water parts in the storage building.
 - e. The Street Department has painted the bathrooms at the Government Center.
 - f. Provided a copy of the Regional Planning Commission's study on potential growth for Wayne Local Schools.
 - g. Well 10 will begin soon with plans to make a T in the 8" line from Well 10 to the pumping station that will be capped off for any future wells. It is believed that there is the potential for very good wells further towards the Little Miami River. However, if a well is placed out there, it would require a pumping station to get the water to the treatment building.

- h. A 15 x 40 and 6" deep pad was poured today as the future site for the permanent fuel tanks. The Street Department ran a 3-foot-deep trench under the pad before pouring for the conduit for the electricity. Village owned permanent fuel tanks will allow the Village to competitively bid fuel prices. It was discussed whether the Village should purchase 1,000 or 2,000 gallon tanks. Chief Copeland will look at the numbers and see which size would be best for the Village. The Committee voiced concern that all fuel is accounted for and not being used for personal vehicles. Chief Copeland explained that the fuel tanks are only available to staff during regular business hours and personal vehicles do not go to the maintenance barn. Each employee is given a ticket book that must be filled out each time they fuel. This is reviewed at the end of each month to safeguard all fuel is accounted for. If a weekend staff member needs gas, they still can use the BP fleet card.
 - i. Moody is waiting for the ground to harden at Bowman to start on Well 10. The original plan was to put the road from Bowman Park to the wellhead in house. Unfortunately, Darren Sewell turned in his resignation and he was the one who was able to do this. The Village has since hired Stephen Koontz, who worked with Brian Keith in the pass. He started today and is an operator of record. The Village now has two operators of record. Therefore, will be getting bids for the road that will cost about 50K to 60K.
 - j. Will soon start to get bids for the OPWC for the Third and Franklin Phase I projects.
6. Mr. Colvin asked about the Regional Planning Study done on behalf of Wayne Local Schools that is showing a possible development around the corner of Route 48 and Route 73. He was wondering if that would have an impact on the Village's water system. Chief Copeland explained that that is not in the Village's water district. It would only impact the schools.
7. Mr. Blankenship moved to adjourn, and Mr. Gallagher seconded. All were in favor to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 PM.

Jamie Morley
Clerk to Council