

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING –

August 7, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Zack Gallagher, Brian Blankenship

GUESTS PRESENT: Earl Isaacs, Connie Miller, Chris Colvin

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Copeland, Jamie Morley

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mr. Gallagher.
2. Quorum was achieved – Two members were present.
3. Mr. Gallagher made a motion to excuse Mr. Lauffer and was seconded by Mr. Blankenship.  
3 Yeas
4. Mr. Blankenship made a motion to accept the June 5, 2023 minutes which was seconded by Mr. Lauffer.  
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5. Chief Copeland went over ongoing and upcoming projects for the Village:
  - a. Moody began drilling Well 10. On July 21<sup>st</sup> they were 45 feet deep. Hoping to have the well completed by the end of the week, weather permitting.
  - b. Brian Keith has ordered the fence to go across the drive to Well 10 and should be completed by the third week in August. Several private property/no trespassing signs have been posted but people are still driving back there.
  - c. Ordinance 2023-033 approves the easement for the water line from Well 10 to merge with the other lines. Met with Steve Jackson from Harvest Baptist Church and had the easements signed. The survey should be completed soon and then the easement can be recorded with Warren County.
  - d. The closing to sell the Village-owned property at 577 High Street is scheduled for tomorrow at 10:30.
  - e. Well 6 is off-line due to plugged-up screens which subsequently burnt up the motor. Provided photos of the screen and the quote from Moody to rebuild the motor, clean the screens, and chemically treat the well. This will cost about 23K.
  - f. GIS is pretty much completed mapping the Village's water system.
  - g. Added a couple more catch basins to the Third Street OPWC project.
  - h. The Water Department is flushing hydrants and repainting them. They look very nice.
  - i. KT Holden won the bid for the OPWC Franklin Phase I project. This is not the lowest bid but the company has the best references and is recommended by Choice One.
  - j. Provided a copy of Warren County's Waste Management Plan that they are asking the Village to approve. This should have no impact on the Village. All municipalities must approve the plan for the Department to receive grants.
  - k. Provided copies of the CAUV exemption forms submitted to the State for the Bowman property to become tax-exempt as this is no longer being rented out as farmland and is now part of the Villages' well field. Once this is approved by the State, the Village should receive a refund of taxes paid from last year.

- I. There is an ordinance on tonight's agenda to accept part of Fourth Street. This is just a technicality with the Recorder's Office as they do not have proper documentation, and this is causing issues with a property being transferred into the new owner's name.
6. Mr. Gallagher asked if the Ordinance accepting the Warren County Waste Management plan could have two readings as he wants to learn more about the plan before adopting it. Chief Copeland stated he would contact Susanne Mason to get more information on the plan.
7. Mr. Blankenship asked about the status of the stoplight at Route 42 and North Street. Chief Copeland responded that this project would not be started until 2024, but most likely will be started in 2025. Currently, the project is being engineered.
8. Mr. Gallagher made the motion to adjourn and Mr Blankenship seconded the motion. All were in favor of adjourning the meeting at 6:48 PM.

Jamie Morley  
Clerk to Council