

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING –

December 5, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Zack Gallagher, Chris Colvin, Brian Blankenship

GUESTS PRESENT: Connie Miller, Joette Dedden, Earl Isaacs

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Copeland, Jamie Morley

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mr. Gallagher.
2. Quorum was achieved – Three members were present.
3. Mr. Blankenship made a motion to accept the November 7, 2022 minutes as amended and was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

3 Yeas

4. Chief Copeland went over ongoing and upcoming projects for the Village:
  - a. Temporary fuel tanks from Duncan Oil have been delivered. They each hold 1,000 gallons and are solar-powered. The fuel was delivered today. Gas was \$.15 to \$.20 cents less than BP and Diesel was about \$1.00 less. Planning the site for the permanent tanks would require a 40x50 pad and electricity run. Would like to buy our own tanks from Hamilton Tanks so we can competitively bid out fuel prices and not be locked into just one company. Each vehicle will be equipped with booklets to fill out mileage and gallonage to track usage.
  - b. ODOT has approved the Village for funding for the traffic light at the intersection of North Street and Route 42. Plan to set up a meeting with ODOT to get specifics. Also, plan to use ODOT engineers so we do not have to bid out engineering. The Village's portion will be about 103K and any overage for change orders. ODOT will be providing the Village with about 927K toward the project.
  - c. Had a meeting for Well 10. Hope to get the ball rolling at the first of the year. Brian Keith is verifying with the EPA that the Baker Pitless is okay.
  - d. PY37 has been approved and the Village will be receiving funds for Franklin and Third Street around June/July. Will have ordinances at the next council meeting to cover the cost of the final engineering. Once the State releases the funds, the two projects will be put out to bid.
5. Mr. Gallagher asked if the fuel tanks would have annual maintenance. Chief Copeland stated that would be arranged with Hamilton Tanks.
6. Mr. Colvin asked if the new stoplight would be in place before the bridge on Route 73 goes under construction. Chief Copeland stated that is the plan.
7. Mr. Gallagher said he wanted to discuss the ordinance that vacates the portion of Third Street from South Street to Route 73. He stated he was concerned about the Village giving up existing utility easements. Mr. Gallagher acknowledged that he does not think the Village would need easements for water, but future broadband or storm sewer projects may require easements at this property. He stated

that he is under the belief that the Village should never give up easement rights. Mr. Gallagher said he spoke with the owner of Tincher Welding. The property owner bought the business about 8 years ago but because the building is slightly over the property line, he is having difficulties getting the deed in his name. Mr. Gallagher also said the property owner is more than willing to give the Village utility easements to any future projects. Gallagher is asking to table the ordinance until he can get more information from the Law Director. Mrs. Miller asked how long Mr. Gallagher thinks this will take as the owner is waiting on Council to pass this ordinance. Mr. Gallagher responded that he told the owner it would be resolved within two weeks. Ms. Dedden added she does not agree with spending any more money on this because she does not think the Village would ever need an easement there. Chief Copeland added that when the ordinance was originally passed a year ago, he does not believe the easements were discussed. It was decided to discuss this further and decide during the council meeting.

8. All were in favor to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 PM.

Jamie Morley  
Clerk to Council