

**Service Committee Minutes**  
**February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Councilman Bob Gaglione called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**Members present:** Councilman Bob Gaglione, Councilman Paula Tubalkain, Councilman Scott Weaver

**Others present:** Mayor Linda Clark, Village Engineer Rich Iafelice, Village Water Operator Bruce Rininger, Administrative Assistant Chelsea Gregor

**Pledge of Allegiance**

- ❖ Motion to approve the January 2<sup>nd</sup> Service Committee meeting minutes by Scott Weaver, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paula Tubalkain- **All Ayes**

**Citizen-Rich Iafelice**

Rich noted the fading aerial photo on the wall and said he would get a new one for the Village. He went on to explain the two water pressure zones in the Village. The low service area comes from the water plant, and the high service area comes from the reservoir on Reservoir Dr. There are no water storage tanks after the reservoir, and Rich stated that there is not enough demand currently to warrant an elevated tank. The Village has good raw water quality before it even goes through the water plant, which Rich added, does not come near producing the water it was designed for and is capable of. Asset management will be enforced by October 2018, but the rules in Senate are still in draft form. Rich explained a water module plan, and the need for the reservoir to be fixed. It was examined in 2004 and it showed signs of needing repair then. There are over 100 cracks that were found, and the EPA is now making the Village set a deadline to fix the reservoir. Rich is estimating that the total cost of the project will be around \$250,000, and that the County would absorb any debt if they were to take over. He then explained that there is a water revolving loan that is offered at 1.8% for 20 years.

- ❖ Motion to push the reservoir to be fixed to Council using the 1.8% revolving loan by Scott Weaver, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paula Tubalkain- **All Ayes**

**Review of Legislation-None**

**New Business**

Chelsea printed out a comparison sheet of different cities and their storm sewer fees. The Mayor is going to email the Service Committee an 82-page document from Kentucky University to help them get a better understanding of how storm sewer fees are calculated. The Mayor explained what an ERU is, which is calculated by a percentage of impervious area on a property where water cannot drain. Rich suggested that a monetary storm sewer fee should not be arbitrarily set and should be calculated. There have been several applications submitted for the Village Administrator position. It is still undecided what the position will entail considering the talks with the County with the possible elimination of the water and wastewater plants. The County will be setting up a meeting with Jenny and Chelsea to discuss revenue and expenses regarding the plants.

Randy inquired as to why the County was interested in the water and wastewater plants, and Rich explained that it was the Village who first initiated the option of the County taking over the plants, and that they are aware of the system and all its needs. Gene Roberts, from the County, will come back in June with a rate price for the Village water and sewer.

Rich then told the Service committee that there is a one million square foot facility in the works near the turnpike that will be the second of its kind in the country. They would like water and sewer

available by December 2018, and to be opened by June 2019. The County will get a price for the Village to run the two plants while hiring new operators are in limbo. Bruce stated that the County has more labor power and dedicated people to handle situations so that the Village has no liability. He also added that private water companies that sometimes take over water plants do not provide the ideal level of service that the Village is looking for.

The committee brought up the possible renewal of the road levy in either fall or May. Rich suggested rewriting the levy to include the ability to use the money for road drainage.

The Village received a quote from Urban Growers for \$616 for the hanging flower baskets. The DMRC will split the cost with the Village as they have done in previous years.

The Village electrical aggregate will be expiring soon and the Mayor has received a few bids from different electrical companies for the Village.

- ❖ Motion to have Michele get legislation for the electrical aggregate for Council by Scott Weaver, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Gaglione- **All Ayes**

There are multiple past due water and sewer accounts, and no one has recently been shut off. The property owners have letters sent to them to notify them if their tenant is past due. The Service dept. has trouble finding curb shut offs, and have found that they do not always work, or that it results in a bigger issue that causes a total replacement of the curb stop. Also, if a bill is not paid then it was discussed that the amount will have to be assessed to the property owner's taxes. Another issue is that there are 150 Village water accounts who do not have working outside working remotes to get accurate water/sewer readings. Bruce explained that new meters would be needed to correct the issue since our current remote readers are only compatible with new meters and many are in excess of 20 years. Since there are so many rental units in the Village, Chelsea has printed out an example of a landlord/tenant rental inspection for the Service committee to consider. In addition, the tax person is not always informed when a new tenant moves into a rental, along with a sometimes considerable delay in letting the water/sewer person know.

- ❖ Motion to send the Landlord/Tenant Rental inspection to Planning by Scott Weaver, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Gaglione- **All Ayes**

### **Old Business**

There will need to be curbing done on Woodford St. and W. High St., which was already authorized. Flaggers will be needed at the W. High St. curbing job.

### **Anything else that may properly come before this committee**

The Mayor explained that there is a resident named Dave Rhodes that has taken up an issue regarding his sewer lateral that he shares with his neighbor. It has been known to clog, which connects down his backyard to the Village sewer main, which is also through his neighbor's yard. It has recently become plugged resulting in sewerage in his neighbor's property behind him. He has spoken to Bruce and Chelsea, and has stated they have made claims that they both refute. Service has agreed to let Michele listen to the phone recordings to make a final assessment.

### **Adjournment**

- ❖ Motion to adjourn at 8:10pm was made by Paula Tubalkain and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Weaver- **All Aye**

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Committee Chair Bob Gaglione

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Administrative Assistant Chelsea Gregor