

Service Committee Meeting  
September 3rd, 2013 6:30 p.m.

Bill Zoller called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Bill Zoller, Paul Janson, John Clark, Village Administrator Dave Akerley,  
Administrative Services Officer Kate Rogers

Others: Mayor Clark, Ben Prescott, Marty Hura, Michelle Barnauskas and Aaron Snopek of DMRC, Carl Zeleznik, Rich Iafelice and Bill Baker from CT Engineering, John and Karen Harper, Larry Lietzow, Tommy Van Auken, Dan Denzinger

Motion to approve the July minutes: We made one change to John's comments about employee use of sick time.

Motion to approve Paul. Second by John. All Ayes

Village Administrator's Report:

Dave started by welcoming and introducing Kate Rogers the new Administrative Services Officer.

He reported the following review of the month:

- A new water and sewer billing program was purchased that includes training and support.
- Water plant
  - The water plant is in acceptable range with the EPA. The new iron manganese test kit seems to be helping to keep the numbers within a good range.
  - The plant garage door needs to be repaired. Dave has a quote for \$250 to fix the door.
- Waste Water plant
  - Plant is EPA compliant
  - The sludge haulers just emptied one of the two digesters.
  - The Ambler lift pump was installed and then the other pump went offline. Dave has a quote to repair this pump.
  - A dehumidifier was installed at the Ambler station
- Cemetery
  - Trees are down and cleaned up
  - The Hanes issue is still being resolved. They poured a new footer and are working on the plot.
  - Fixed another headstone
  - 3 more trees need to come down

- Skipped mowing one week in Aug to save money
- Parks
  - Installed pads and grills
  - Painted most of the picnic tables – a few more need repair or replacement
  - Started painting crosswalks and parking lot lines
  - Took down volleyball net
- Streets
  - Started getting prices for some of the street signs that are badly faded
  - Audley completed the work in front of Village Hall
  - The concrete pad in front of Village Hall is badly in need of repair. Dave would like to get a quote for a concrete saw and remove the old pieces and re-pour the pad
  - Repaired a failed storm sewer on W. Prospect
  - Working with Wm Benjamin trucking to haul the Village's salt
  - Got a quote to clean and re-seal the service truck fuel tanks \$425 each.

### New Business:

#### Side Walk Project –

(This discussion was more than one hour in length. The minutes reflect the positions of each speaker but may not be verbatim. The recording is available at any time for any reference needed.)

Rich Iafelice and Bill Baker of CT Engineering came to present some drawings and answer questions about the Route 44 sidewalk project. Bill is the highway engineer who put together the drawing specifically relating to the options for designs in front of the Napa store. Bill shared some designs he made showing the turning radii of several sizes of trucks and how they would be able to maneuver around the proposed directional/decorative traffic island. The program he used is the ODOT approved program that is used for all highway projects.

Dan Denzinger said he was very concerned about these drawings and the sizes of the trucks that actually come in and out of his store. He said that the trucks making deliveries to businesses on either side of his building use his driveway.

Larry Lietzow also voiced his concerns about the delivery trucks being able to maneuver in the space left. He said that the building originally had some railroad tie islands that caused a problem and had to be torn out.

Michelle Barnauskas of DMRC said that one of the main concerns and goals of the "island" structure is to provide some direction for the traffic coming in and out of all of the businesses along that stretch of road.

Many people commented about the need for some clear directions here because as it is cars and trucks can criss-cross in and out of the lots and there is often much confusion.

Dan and Larry commented that they were not aware of any accidents in the lots over the years because of the current open design.

Mayor Clark asked about the dimensions of the proposed "island." The drawing depicted a 50' long structure that was roughly 5' in width adjacent to the sidewalk that is also 5' wide.

Aaron Snopek asked Bill about the software used for the designs. He said that he would trust these ODOT engineered designs as being accurate for the truck traffic.

Carl Zelesnik – Said that as a truck driver he will use all available room and not think twice about running over the curb if the island is reduced to a low curb. He also thought that at the last meeting we had gotten rid of the "island" and reduced it to a curb.

Rich shared that tonight was just a chance to look at and talk about this island one last time because it was part of the original vision of DMRC for their overall project.

Larry said that even with this reduced island cars will still go every direction in and out.

Marty Hura disagreed saying that with a new island and proper signage and paint the confusion would be eliminated.

Paul Janson was the first to suggest that the island be reduced to 30' in length to give the truck more room to get in and out. Then there were many questions of Bill and Rich about options. They talked about the possibilities of using directional paint in lieu of an actual structure. Many possible versions of the island were then then thrown around.

Michelle B. shared that the DMRC and property owners affected by the project had a working vision and plan that went through the proper channels and that DMRC is now frustrated that a few business owners came forward at the last minute after the initial agreed to money had been spent for plans. She on behalf of DMRC wants to make it known that it is time to get something finalized that everyone can agree with and that doesn't change the original vision too much so that the project can move forward.

Based on the suggestions discussed Mayor Clark suggested that the committee make a motion that included their thoughts on the final structure for the island to bring to council.

Paul J. motioned to recommend a 30' island with a 4" or less roll curb. The width would be in line with what is in front of the bank, being no more than 2'-3' in width. Bill Zoller seconds the motion. All ayes on the motion.

Larry and Dan said they could live with this design and so did DMRC.

Bill said that with these parameters he would put together the Stage 2 plans which are still able to be adjusted if needed. These plans will go to ODOT next week. ODOT will have a month to make comments. After this the final Stage 3 plans will be finalized.

### Lang's Ambler lane

They have an ongoing water drainage problem because of the angle of their driveway. Paul mentioned that the road is fairly flat right in front of their drive but that the slope of their drive will always be a problem. There was much discussion and Dave will go and look at the issue and give the homeowners any suggestions he can.

### Harpers

Mayor Clark re-capped the issue that the Harper's were raising related to the water and sewer surcharge paid quarterly with their bill. The Harpers then presented their original deed and some old county maps showing that a corner of their lot was at one point drawn as being inside of Village limits. They reported that at some point in the 1970s the maps were corrected and that at that time their lot was no longer shown on the map as being inside of the Village. They said that Janet Esposito could give no further information as to when, why, how this change was made. The committee and the Harpers were presented with the research and opinion given by the Village Solicitor, Michele Stuck. There was some discussion about the facts and the opinion presented by Michele.

Motion by Paul to take the issue back to council with a recommendation that the Harper's be grandfathered into Village water rates. Further that there be a stipulation that upon transfer of the property away from John and/or Karen by any means that the property then revert to township treatment. Second by John – All Ayes

### Old Business:

Water leaking at shut off Prospect St and 1<sup>st</sup> St. – the problem is ongoing. There are only a few shut off valves and so in order to repair a large section of the Village will be temporarily without water. Perhaps the repair will be addressed when the hydrants are being fixed in order to minimize inconvenience to residents.

Ambler lift station repairs- see Village Admin's report

Storm damage repair and EMA update – Mayor Clark reported that she has spoken with the EMA and that the state is now taking a look at our request for assistance. She will keep on top of their progress and report back when possible.

### Other Business:

Dave Green – Asking to be allowed to leave the Village sewer system and join the County system. Mr. Green's neighbor recently hit his sewer line when he was digging. Ben shared that he thinks the tie-in for the Green's house is across the fields and woods over to the manhole by St. Joe's. The council was presented with a report showing potential revenue lost if the Green's leave. Paul explained that if they left they would not only have new tie-in costs to the county but would be paying a lot more for service. The issue was tabled for now while more information is gathered about the facts of their current sewer service with the Village.

Generator Service - Dave reported that he is concerned with the high cost of our current service contract with WW Williams for the maintenance of the generators in the Village. Paul said we should get other quotes for service contracts. Bill mentioned that WW Williams' prices may be negotiable. There is a question about whether we can do the servicing ourselves or if EPA requires us to have an outside contract.

WTP Filters – The filter media needs to be changed in the near future. Dave got a quote from Harper Well for \$23,000 each. The Tonka quote is for \$76 - \$80,000 for all three. There was some discussion about whether we could do it ourselves and what the true cost of labor, materials and waste hauling would really be. No specific decision or recommendation was reached at this time.

Pool Fills – Dave mentioned that he would like to purchase several garden hose meters for residents to borrow when they are filling their pools in order to get an accurate reading of how much water to subtract from the sewer bill. He mentioned that some residents are taking advantage of the unwritten policy we have had of honest-john reporting. Kate mentioned that perhaps we should put something into the codified ordinances related to our policies on pool fills. We have until next swimming season to figure out this question.

Please get agenda items for our October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to Kate by the Friday before the meeting.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:46pm John, Second Paul all Ayes