

Service Committee Meeting
October 1st, 2013 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call: Bill Zoller, John Clark, Marty Hura as proxy for Paul Janson who was not present.

Others present: Mayor Linda Clark, Village Administrator David Akerley, Administrative Services Officer Kate Rogers

Public: No one attended

- ❖ Motion to excuse Paul Janson, made by Marty H and seconded by John C. All voted aye.
- ❖ Motion to approve the September minutes made by John C and seconded by Marty H.. All voted aye.

Village Administrator's Report:

Valve at First St. and Prospect is fixed. They are testing the pressure and repair over a few days before backfilling the hole.

Both pumps at the lift station across from the Lodge are down. They are taking them out to look at them and get an idea of what repairs/replacements are needed. Bill asked about the cost. Dave's brother said that the small pump might be around \$150 to replace. He won't know exactly until he gets them out.

Dave brought up an issue at 10898 Ambler Lane Ralph Livzey. There is a 4" water line exposed in the creek. Dave would like a recommendation to rectify the problem. The storm exposed the line. There is a joint right in the middle of the creek. There is also a concern about the winter time whether it might freeze.

It is about 50-60 ft from the headwall. Dave asked if we need a temporary right of way to enter his property. Right now there is about 16' of pipe exposed. We may have lost up to a foot of cover during the storm. Dave said that there was a line in the creek where he worked at the golf course and they never had a freeze problem. Dave shared an aerial photo to show where the problem is. He thinks if they can excavate and put in a headwall on the end and encase the pipe in a larger pipe to protect it.

The sign for the Esker Trail went up today.

The ingots are in the cemetery except for the caps. Claude got a quote for the caps for the ingots from Stamms for \$1400. He thought that was high but Dave said that it is labor intensive and

thought the price was reasonable. The tops of the ingots have to be saw cut first and then formed and poured with 6" of cap. Mayor Clark said that the trust paid \$1000 for the ingots.

John asked if there is money from the cemetery trust to pay for this.

These would be poured caps -- Dave wasn't sure if this included the credit for the caps we already have. Stamms will be coming to pick up the caps that are there soon so that they don't freeze and crack over the winter.

Mayor Clark suggested that we submit the cost of having Stamms do the caps to the Trust.

Bill said have Stamms do it because they have the equipment and donate a lot to the community.

The Mayor suggested waiting until Spring to worry about the caps.

The cemetery Board will be meeting soon to get their wish list together to turn in to Lombardi in January.

New Business:

Driveway Aprons and Tree Lawns – who is in charge of maintenance.

Michelle sent a copy of proposed changes in legislation. We can all study this and then discuss it at Council. The Mayor said that we need to make sure we know who is in charge of the driveway aprons and tree lawns. The legislation would make the residents in charge of their own driveway aprons. Bill said the problem with that for residents is that the storm sewers overflow and the water runs and ruins their driveway aprons.

Backflow Test Requirements –

Kate shared the list of who we have asked to test the backflow meters in the past which includes only a handful of our businesses. Dave and Kate looked at the list and had some questions about which ones we should be asking to have these meters.

John suggested that we look at the EPA regulations and take the whole list to Council

Check the EPA for best practices – find out how other municipalities handle this.

There is a pretty substantial cost to this so we need to do some research before requiring all of these businesses to purchase and test the meters. The whole list will be taken to Council to decide. Dave suggests that anyone using chemicals or drugs or blood should definitely have one.

County Billing – how it is done and can we re-visit the contract

Kate explained how the County billing works. We take the North end flow and the South end flow and divide those numbers by the total Village flow. Then the County pays that percentage of our total expenses for the sewer plant.

The Mayor said that if the County goes over 75,000 gallons of flow per day we can re-negotiate the flow. We are currently around 58,000 gallons per day.

Bill asked where the south end flow comes from. It is mostly the turnpike. He also asked where does all of the water go from Bonners that they use to wash out their tankers? John said this would be a question for the county. Bill will see if he can find anything out. Mayor Clark will call Jeff at the County to ask as well.

If we would like to re-negotiate this contract we may be able to sit down with a proposal.

North end represents Aurora Meadows and other residents North of the Village including the Industrial Park on 82 and Mantua Corners.

John said there is a time frame for anyone to tap in. The County keeps track of when they must be in.

Dave Green – The County has no interest or say in what we do with Dave Green. If we decide that we don't want him as a customer anymore then he needs to contact the County to get a tie-in. Michelle is sending him a letter that says what will happen if he moves to the County. These expenses could include a \$7000 tap in plus he would need to put in a lift station to get up to the forced main on 44. This pump station could be \$5,000-\$10,000. The letter also expresses that we are concerned to see that his flow has dropped very drastically over the past years. We cannot find anywhere that the easements have ever been completed. He sent us a letter in 1994 that these easements were in process.

Dave says there is a neighbor that says he is going to cap Green's sewer line within 3-weeks because the line runs through his property. This is not our issue, it is a civil issue between the neighbors but ultimately he needs to get a real easement or tap-in line.

Poly-Box for spreading salt for the cemetery- Bill suggested that if Dave is interested he look into getting one. Could be used in areas where it is hard for the larger trucks to reach. Buyers, Meyers, are possible places to get ideas of price. Can slide in and out of the truck for winter use.

Jim Kotkowski will be retiring and he has a mini-excavator to dig graves. Has offered us to purchase it from him. Mayor recommended that Dave go and test it and see what shape it is in. It has new tracks and undercarriage and Jim is asking \$20,000. There are 2500 hours on this 331 D Bobcat it is a model year 2001. It has with it 4 buckets of different sizes. He maintains it well. Dave is not concerned about the hours just the maintenance so he would need to inspect it. It also has a 5th wheel trailer with it that is a 2008. Dave doesn't really want a 5th wheel but would take anything he can get at this point.

The lawyer Lombardi met with Dave and wants to pave the rest of the road and we could possibly also ask him for a roller, a dump and a mini-excavator.

Old Business:

Meters for bulk water, pool fills and other non-sewer uses --

Dave would like to present to Council so we can create legislation about bulk water and non-sewer use. This would be a deduct meter that every pool owner would use. He would make a stand and a meter and a hose. They would sign a beginning and end reading on the meter. We would drop off and pick up.

Dave said bulk water haulers would have to get water between 7-3pm so someone was able to be present.

Bill said we would probably lose a lot bulk water customers that way.

Dave thought if there was a way to get the police department involved that might work. There are a few dishonest people that ruin it for everyone.

John said we need some kind of electronic meter where the bulk haulers swipe a card and do their fill and get a printout of their usage. This would work like a gas fill-up. We would need to look at the cost.

We have the potential of getting a new customer in Aetna. They use 200,000 gallons a year to test their tanks. The tankers though pump up to his big holding tank. We need to figure out how to get the water to their tanks. We could give them a tap in fee and the cost of the line and the meter. They are currently trucking in water for \$280 a load.

Bill asked if they make a meter to attach right to the hose. Yes, they make some kind of an adapter that a meter could be hooked to. Some customers already have a separate meter to water their gardens. We need legislation to figure out how to charge this and exactly what types of use we are not going to charge sewer for.

Without legislation the possibilities are endless for what people ask for a break on sewer. These include watering, washing cars, accidentally letting a hose run, etc.

John thought maybe there should be a minimum non-sewer use like 200 gallons.

Leaf pick up -- revisit ABC Landscaping proposal from Sept 2012 --

Mr. Berardinelli came to the finance meeting and gave a proposal for a curb-side vacuum leaf pick up. The quote was for \$1190 per day. We would maybe have 4-5 days of pick up per year.

The EPA said no more plastic bags.

Bill talked to Gary Carlton to see if he would be interested in purchasing something to take care of the Village leaves. Carlton and Yarnell are two possible people that might want to accept our leaf waste.

This year we will continue with the brown bags. Last year we got the bags through Ravenna and paid for them under their price. They may have drop shipped them here.

Kate can try to keep track of our costs for leaf pick up including the bags, labor, diesel, etc.

Ambler lift station update -- up and running still need to sandblast the old pump.

Water Treatment Plant filter change update -- Dave needs to call Tonka and the County -- have one quote from Harpers for about \$80,000.

Linda said that Rich Lafelice talked to Tonka and they said they will cost \$78-80,000. -- John thought maybe we could try to get an OPWC grant to help with this.

EMA Assistance update --The Mayor reported that we are still waiting for a status update.

Other Business New or Old:

John brought up the storm sewer ay McCauley's. John said that the catch basin is in the road. The curb has been removed. John says we need to go in there and make it right. No one can find documentation that he had a contract to say what he was going to do. We may have to put the curb back in. We can do some good things for not a lot of money.

Dave says there is a whole series of things that needs to be done. The grades need to be re-done. The whole project is a problem. Dave wants to go in there as long as we have easements for Mr. Gregor, Osmics and McCauley to do some grading work.

The Mayor says we have easements for all three properties. They can be found in last year's legislation.

Dave has also spoken with Tom Alrdich about the issue in his yard. He will meet again at the property this week to talk about the water issues. The expense for these repairs will be the owner's responsibility.

The one in the botom of the property does nothing. It is sitting 6 inches about the ground level with nothing to direct the water. The property was also never properly reclaimed.

The residents are all frustrated

Mike was supposed to put in an apron. When questioned about the curbs he said that the plows broke off the curb. With a curb he will not be able to get out of his drive without bottoming out his car.

Dave said, the catch basin catches nothing but the water falling onto it as rain.

Adjournment:

- ❖ Motion to adjourn at 7:34pm made by John C., seconded by Marty H. All voted aye.

Bill Zoller, Service Committee Chair

Kate Rogers, Admin Services Officer