

**Service Committee Minutes
November 6th, 2018**

Councilman Bob Gaglione called the meeting to order at 6:56pm.

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

Others present: Mayor Linda Clark, Village Administrator; John E. Trew, Administrative Assistant; Chelsea Gregor, Marty Fergus, David and Linda Westenfelder, Ted Bixler, Linda Schilling, Cookie Vanek, Bob Ress, Jason Wysong, Kirk Ressler, Tom Aldrich and David Pifer

Pledge of Allegiance

- ❖ Motion to accept the October 2nd Service Committee meeting minutes by Scott Weaver, 2nd by Paula Tubalkain-**All Aye**

Citizens-

The Mayor gathered the names of people who would like to be on the ad-hoc committee, specifying that there is only so much room on the committee, but that people can still attend the meetings regardless.

Bob asked if anyone had any questions. Paula explained that the meeting at her house was a fact-finding meeting that included concerned residents, and John Trew who was able to answer questions. Bob Ress suggested that some Village residents and a Council member should attend some committee meetings in Aurora and Shalersville just to get an idea of what they are experiencing. He also suggested that Shalersville and the Village could work together to see what different possibilities exist. The Mayor stated that in the past the Village had talked to Shalersville about a possible JEDD, but that they turned the idea down. She thinks that it was because they did not fully understand what it would and would not entail making it beneficial to both parties.

Ted Bixler thanked John for the tour of the water plant. They talked about the merits between the County and Private ownership, along with what would go into the bid packet. The two plants have extra capacity that they are not using. Ted asked if they think that the County would like the plants, and John said that he thinks that they do.

The County has not charged the Village for the use of their equipment. They stated that it is too expensive for the County to run the plants, and that it was more work than they had initially anticipated that it would be.

Ted asked if the Village could get a current value of the assets of the two plants before it goes out for bid. Service said that they have received a 2" inch booklet created by CT that explained the different facets of the water and sewer plants, and the costs that they entail.

Linda Schilling asked Service if the old pump house, also used as the Potato Festival building, could stay out of the bid packet since it has a lot of meaning for the Village. In addition, to be careful with the amount of land that is given away in the bid packet since both plants lay on land that supersedes the amount of land needed to run the plants, but could still benefit the Village.

Roger Hawkins suggested to determine a minimum bid and to base it on an independent appraisal that is not calculated by CT Consultants or the County, suggesting that they might inflate numbers.

Bob Ress asked and discussed what is required of plant operators, Class 1 and Class 2 for water.

Paula said that the report done by CT is public record and that she is willing to lend her copy out to those who would like to view it. Ted asked if the Village could find out what the plants are worth today, not just what they need.

Roger Hawkins inquired as to why he was not invited to the gathering at Paula's house, and it was explained that it was not a formal meeting and that it was attended by those that had reached out to her. Jason Wysong asked why there had been two separate ordinances and was told that it was because they are considered two separate assets. His biggest concern was that he did not want bidders to be able to purchase them separately.

The Mayor and John met with a private water company, and it was a concern for residents, such as Ted Bixler, as to why they would be interested in the Village water plant and why it would benefit them. Linda Schilling inquired as to what would happen if nobody bid on the plants and John stated that the EPA would then take over.

Dave Westenfelder asked how much was still owed on the plants, and was told that the water plant was paid off and that there was still 1.5 million owed on the sewer plant.

A concern for Roger Hawkins was if a private company were to bid and then eventually go bankrupt. He also asked if the Village would be able to have five or 10-year review in place. Roger asked if it would be passed under an emergency and he was told that it would not. He was also told that an outside company will be putting together the bid packet and that the committees would have time to read it through and pick it apart in an effort to protect citizen rights.

Kirk Ressler asked if funding was available and was told that available funding had already been looked for.

Ted Bixler asked if the bid packet would allow the Village to refuse all bids that it did not deem as being suitable and was told yes.

The report from CT was discussed again and residents were told that it had many aspects that they could look over and that it would be easy to read.

The residents were told that it was not any easy decision for Council to make and that too much money had been transferred out of the General Fund to pay for water and sewer repairs and debts. Residents were encouraged to come to the Council meeting to address any other concerns

Village Administrator's Report

The Service Committee has received John's Village Administrators report. John stated that there was a water break on Fernway Dr. The break was reported on Monday and was isolated and fixed on Tuesday. The Mantua Township Service Dept. helped and let the Village borrow a pump. The January Service meeting was agreed to be move to January 2nd at 6:30pm following the Safety meeting.

Review of Legislation

There were some possible amendments brought up. Paula said that she would have to think about it and look it over.

- ❖ Motion to go as amended with the master meter 941.22 by Bob Gaglione, 2nd by Scott Weaver-**All Aye**
- ❖ Motion to add 941.23 collection of undercharges by Bob Gaglione, 2nd by Scott Weaver- **Bob Gaglione and Scott Weaver-Aye, Paula Tubalkain-No**

New Business

The new plow truck for the Service Dept. is still in Mexico.

There still needs to be more research done on Storm Water Fees.

The Service Committee will review legislation to give forgiveness on water and sewer bills.

The Mayor informed Service of a Memorandum of Understanding from the Cuyahoga River Water Trail for them to look over and to discuss at the next Service meeting. John and the Mayor had attended a meeting at the park lodge for the Cuyahoga River Water Trail.

Old Business

CT Consultants are collecting Asset Management.

The Service Committee talked about non-working outside remotes after a resident went to sell his house and found that the meter reading had been highly underestimated. It was suggested to see if meters could be compatible with remotes that the Service Department has in stock.

The curbing to be worked on at the Hawkins residence will be done in 2019.

Anything else that may properly come before this committee

Adjournment

- ❖ Motion to adjourn at 8:52 pm was made by Scott Weaver and 2nd by Paula Tubalkain– All Aye

Committee Chair Bob Gaglione

Administrative Assistant Chelsea Gregor