

Board of Public Works & Safety Meeting

Wednesday, April 27, 2011 - Held at Ligonier City Hall – 1:30 pm –Audio Available

Call to order by: Mayor Fisel

Roll Call

Present: Board Members: Bonnie Edgell, Tom Janes, and Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Hagen and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn.

Minutes from previous meeting of April 27, 2011

Motion to approve by: Tom Janes Seconded by: Bonnie Edgell Vote: All Ayes

Citizens Comments - None

Unfinished Business

WWTP – Land Application of Sludge

Mark Schultz informed the Board that he is still waiting on the feasibility study with hopes that it will be available for the next BOW meeting.

New Business

1. Sewage problem – Residence at 303 Pontiac Street

The sewer line in the Pontiac Street area was cleaned. The pressure from the cleaning caused sewage to back up into the resident's tub and toilet, onto the floors and carpet. Mark Schultz informed the Board that this is not common but will occasionally happen. The residents were told to track the time and materials required for the cleanup and submit a bill to the BOW for consideration. A request has not been received to date.

2. WWTP – Head Works Repair – Auger/Grinder

Mark Schultz updated the Board on the condition of the grinder and two augurs at the plant. They are in need of repair and not working properly, causing the pump to burn up. The best option according to Schultz is to have a new custom built manual bar screen with bar rake and basket installed. The cost from Mason Engineering, the contractor who installed the previous equipment, is \$10,712. Jeff Boyle added that the current "muffin monster" has been rebuilt three times at a cost of \$40,000 and feels it is wise on the part of Schultz to look at this option. Funds are available in the capital improvement budget of the WWTP to cover the cost of the bar screen and rake.

Motion to approve \$10,712 to Mason Engineering for Head Works repair by: Bonnie Edgell

Seconded by: Tom Janes Vote: All Ayes

3. WWTP – Probationary Employee Review

Jeff Cunningham has completed his probationary period and is doing a great job. Mark Schultz is asking that the Board approve a \$1.00 per hour raise to bring his wages to \$13.50.

Motion to give a probationary period completion raise of \$1.00 per hour to Jeff Cunningham beginning in the current pay period by: Patty Fisel Seconded by: Tom Janes Vote: All Ayes

Department Heads and Members of Administration

Water Dept. Superintendent Jeff Boyle

Last Friday night the booster station was hit by lightening. It is back up and running but Jeff is uncertain at this time what costs will be involved. He has asked for itemized bills for all of the repairs and an insurance claim will be filed.

Mayor Fisel

The Mayor provided the Board with the notification of an ad placed for demolition of the burned out house on 600 S. Martin St. Bids will be accepted through 1:00 May 27.

A discussion regarding residential trees took place at the Council meeting on April 25. The Mayor received information regarding a workshop in Columbia City on June 7 regarding trees in the City. The Mayor will be attending and invited others to attend as well. If she feels it beneficial to everyone, she will look into the possibility of hosting a workshop in Ligonier.

The Mayor informed the Board of the receipt of notification of IDEM approval for confined feedings for a hog farm at 9569 N 1100 W just off Perry Road. Concern was expressed by Jeff Boyle that this is close to the City's Well Head area.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Patty Fisel