

STREET AND UTILITY COMMITTEE

April 5, 2021

The regular meeting of the Street and Utility Committee was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Albany Village Hall by Chairperson Larry Nipple. Members present were: Nipple, Kim Blumer, Eileen Althaus and Jim Mauerman. Also present: Lonnie Gill, Ex-Officio, Tim Astfalk of Mead & Hunt, Kevin Maguire, Scott Sowl and Ben Kieler.

Proof of posting was verified.

MINUTES: Motion by Mauerman, seconded by Blumer, to approve the previous minutes as printed. Carried.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: Motion by Nipple, seconded by Mauerman, to allow public input and move agenda item 9 to the front of the agenda as residents are in attendance. Carried.

Kevin Maguire, Ware Road resident, was present to discuss the use of boards on the sugar river dam. He feels the board use results in higher flood danger for residents of the upper pond. Gill explained that board use would only raise water levels a minimal amount and at the present time there is an issue with the gate on the dam. He also went on to say the higher water levels would help cover the silt on the pond and be more beneficial than harmful. Scott Sowl stated that if water was lowered at the dam the upper pond would be very low and no good would come from leaving the boards off. No action taken here as it was felt by the committee the boards should go back in.

BEN KIELER UPDATE/UNION STREET DRAINAGE: Kieler agreed to an updated plan and said he would sign an agreement for the easement. The village will have attorney Todd Schluesche draft the new agreement to be signed before proceeding.

CINCINNATI AND SEVENTH STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT: Astfalk reported that the contractor has provided the necessary paperwork and is planning a May 8 start date on this project.

FACILITY PLAN PUBLIC HEARING AND POTENTIAL IMPACT ON SEWER RATES: Astfalk presented the "Total Phosphorus Facility Plan; motion by Blumer, seconded by Althaus, to accept plan "B" which is the total overall lowest cost and involves the trading partners, Riemer Family Farms. Carried.

WDNR FUNDING FOR PHOSPHORUS UPGRADE: Astfalk said we need to go ahead and submit this final plan to the DNR as they have 90 days to approve and the village needs this approval by June 30, 2021 to stay on time for the 2022 operation. Motion by Blumer, seconded by Althaus, to have Mead & Hunt submit the proposal to the DNR as soon as possible. Carried.

It was also mentioned that the village has some sewer lines that are in need of repair, the committee thought that in order to get the phosphorous plan submitted, that the slipping of sewer lines should be a separate project later in the fall.

WATER METER ENDPOINT INFORMATION FROM BADGER METER: Gill presented a quote from Badger Meter for 465 water meter endpoints. The current endpoints use technology that will no longer be supported. Our units will be in the 7th year of a 10 year warranty period and would be close to being replaced in the near future. Gill said the company will offer the village a 20 year warranty on the new endpoints, but no help with the change out; the public works crew will have to replace at a rate of 15-20 per week before year end. Motion

by Blumer, seconded by Mauerman, to purchase 465 Badger Meter endpoints at a cost of \$27,900. Carried. Gill said this money will come from the water utility replacement fund. Resolution 01-21 2021 rate increase for sewer utility was discussed, the 12% raise was approved at a previous meeting and it will cover increased costs in phosphorus management. Motion by Althaus, seconded by Mauerman, to approve the resolution. Carried.

BACKHOE REPLACEMENT COST/FUNDING FOR BACKHOE & NEW MOWERS:

Gill brought a quote from Brooks Tractor, Sun Prairie, for replacement backhoe loader with a grapple bucket. The current 2008 backhoe is suffering from mechanical and rust issues. Gill said the village could look into a loan to cover both new mowers and a new backhoe; the new mowers are set to be delivered shortly. Motion by Blumer, seconded by Mauerman, to table this discussion until more information on loan costs, etc. can be obtained. Carried.

SPRING/SUMMER DOWNTOWN PARKING SIGNAGE: Sowl suggested we add “No Overnight Parking” on Water Street, the two parking lots are underutilized. He also suggested a “Loading Zone” by the bridge on both sides of Main Street to help vendors of local bars/restaurants. It was suggested to make a handicap stall on the east side of Water Street but residents have difficulty crossing, a west side stall would help this. Gill said he would canvass the downtown businesses to find out what they would like to see regarding 2 hour parking. No action taken.

PUBLIC WORKS STAFF: Gill reported that the public works staff will be coming up on some retirements in the near future; the training and licensing can be quite long. No action taken, but the future needs will need to be addressed.

TRAINING: Nothing at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Gill brought up the skid steer plan, which is at two years and replacements options are now available. As this is a shared unit with Albany Township, with only a few hundred hours, it was thought best to wait for more Township input.

Gill will look at some erosion on South Mill Street.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Blumer, seconded by Althaus, to adjourn. Carried.

LARRY NIPPLE, Chairman
Street and Utility Committee