

Board of Public Affairs Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2022

There was a regular meeting of the Blanchester Board of Public Affairs held on Wednesday, November 9, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 7.06 pm by Chairman Bowling. Attending were Chairman Bowling, Trustees Robert Haines, Dennis Blocker, Director Ram Reddy, Mayor John Carmen, and Donna Johnson, clerk.

There was a motion/second by Trustee Blocker/Trustee Haines to approve the minutes. All in favor - All Yeas. Motion carried.

A motion/second by Trustee Haines/Trustee Blocker to approve the bills listed in Appendix-A of November, 2022 All in favor - All Yeas. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report:

Clerk signed the signature card at First National Bank.

Reminder of the Electric Department Pay Scale update which is being investigated by the Director by contacting other municipalities and come up with a recommendation for further discussion and approvals.

Staff informed the Board that a Ford F-150 truck was purchased for the Water Dept. following the Board's approval.

Contacted Peoples Bank to question their process for ACH payments. They do process ACH Payments.

Carpet for the Front Office and Conference Room is on Order and hopefully will be in before end of the year.

Reminder of the Solar Panel issue at Putman school. Still need to schedule a meeting with the school board and locate a suitable inspector agreeable by both parties. Suggested Director contact AMP of Ohio for list of inspectors. Still need a Certificate of liability insurance from the School Board for the Panels at Putman Elementary.

Informed the Mayor of giving out Records request from the Fiscal Office that pertain to the BPA. These should be sent directly to the BPA Office.

Director:

IMPA has increased the Wholesale Electric Rates for 2023 by 8.94%. The BPA Board has discussed it and agreed unanimously to implement the following increase of 8.5% for the usage beginning from January 1, 2023. Motion/Second to approve increase Chairman Bowling/Trustee Blocker.

All in Favor – All Yeas. Motion Carried

The following increase will be in effect for the usage beginning from January 1, 2023

4% Water (previously approved on December 2, 2021)

3% Sewer (previously approved on December 2, 2021, December 9, 2021)

8.5% Electric (approved above)

John Panetta to provide a quote for cleaning the catch basin of Stonelick Creek pumping station. The Board approved by unanimous vote to proceed with the work with a not to exceed amount of \$25,000.

The Council has agreed and decided to rebid the East Fancy Street Water Main Replacement and Street Resurfacing Project in spring or summer of 2023 with a hope to get more contractors to bid on the job within the budget.

Procurement of substation construction site: Staff continued to work on Duke's property for Substation site.

ISC continued the process of doing the Electric Rate and Cost-of-Service Study as approved by the Board. Staff continued to work on providing the data and information required for the study, to ISC.

BPA Board Chairman, staff and Legal counsel continued to work with the school district officials and solar power company on some issues with the solar park built by the school district/SP&L at the elementary school.

The Village Solicitor informed that the lawsuit filed by Ms. Davenport has been dropped.

Cherry Street water main replacement and street resurfacing Phase – 2 Project – contractor started the construction and is in process of completing it by the spring of 2023.

Governor DeWine's office announced a grant award of \$50,000 to Blanchester Water department for a project to identify and map lead water service lines.

Applied for funding through OPWC for Orchard Circle and Orchard View water main replacement, sewer improvements, and street resurfacing project phase 1 – The project scored well at the County and district 10 level and made it to the list of projects for approval by the State and has a very good chance of getting funded – waiting for the approval by the OPWC.

Staff continued to work on potential funding from local, State and Federal funding agencies for the electric, water, street, and sewer projects.

Mayor continued to look into the required CDBG Income Survey for the area to see if we are qualified to apply for the CDBG funding for the West Fancy Street Water Main Replacement and Street Resurfacing Project phase-2.

Electric System:

Electric Distribution system operation – Continued to be normal with minor problems here and there.

Informed the Board that our small bucket truck engine broke down and needs replacement, and may cost about \$14,000 – The Board approved to get it fixed.

Staff continued to work on relocating the primary line on Main Street.

Staff working on upgrading the primary line on Center Street.

Staff continued to work on non-pay disconnections. All or most of the non-paid accounts are disconnected remotely using the AMI system.

One of the linemen (apprentice) is resigned and started looking for the replacement with another apprentice or possibly a Journeyman Licensed Lineman.

Staff continued to work on system improvements.

Water System:

Water Treatment and Distribution systems operation – continued to be normal and meets the Ohio EPA Rules & Regs.

Staff continued to work with vendors on the cost information for potential repairs and maintenance of water towers on Vine and Fancy Streets, and is in process of review.

Part time employee Mark is retiring and we are planning to fill the position with a full-time employee. The Board has given the green signal keeping the future requirements in mind.

Part of the funding required for Vine Street Water Tower Rehab is approved by OPWC through funding allocation for Small Governments. Applied for rest of the funding from Ohio EPA and is on their list to be approved in February 2023.

Reservoir water storage levels: We have about 181 million gallons of storage available to treat and supply for about 15 months at the current flow rate to our residents and neighboring water haulers.

Staff continued to work on various field and treatment plant equipment, and pickup trucks maintenance.

Staff continued to help water and electric meter reading.

Staff has repaired several water services.

Staff continued to install AMI Water Meters with some continued delays and issues in getting the material delivered by the vendors. 845 AMI meters have been installed to-date and are in service to-date.

Staff continued to work with engineers, contractors, and funding and plan approval agencies on:

- Reservoir Number- 3 Improvements – Staff continued to work with ODNR and Jones & Henry on final submittal of plans, and potential cost over runs for construction and engineering and potential help from Ohio EPA for additional funding which is on their list of projects to be approved for funding in 2023. Staff continually following up with the engineers and the ODNR.

Staff worked on grounds maintenance.

Sewer System:

Sewer Treatment Plant and Collection System operations are continued to be normal and in compliance with the Ohio EPA Rules & Regulations.

Staff continued to work on repair and maintenance of various equipment at the WWTP and collection system.

Staff worked on several cleanouts for customers.

Sludge hauling – waiting on crops to be harvested. Staff got the equipment ready to start.

Bar screen has some issues and staff waiting on a quote for replacement parts.

Electrical contractors continued to work on repairs of a control panel for secondary pump, and on secondary clarifier electrical issues.

Staff continued to work on grounds maintenance.

Other Business

Motion/Second to close the Board meeting at 9:05 pm by Chairman Bowling/Trustee Blocker
All in favor. All Yeas. Motion Carried



James Bowling - Chairman



Donna Johnson – Clerk

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 Bills for November 2022
 Appendix A

VENDOR	TOTAL	VENDOR	TOTAL
IMPA	\$ 365,456.96	DUKE ENERGY	\$ 233.23
VILLAGE OF BLANCHESTER	\$ 16,798.65	MILLER SECURITY SERV	\$ 25.00
TREASURER STATE OF OHIO	\$ 2,283.00	CAPLINGER SALES & SERVICE	\$ 7.29
PROSOURCE WATER PRODUCTS	\$ 2,975.00	BDK	\$ 1,658.16
PITNEY BOWES INC	\$ 774.15	WALT'S HOME MAINTENANCE	\$ 600.00
USIC LOCATING SERVICES	\$ 1,077.04	STANLEY J BOLKA	\$ 780.00
THERMODYNE ENG	\$ 8,293.73	CLINTON ELEC & PULMBING SUPPLY	\$ 48.00
MAGULAC'S	\$ 278.00	ALLOWAY	\$ 140.00
PEELLE MCCOY LAW OFFICE	\$ 1,250.00	OHIO RURAL WATER ASSOC	\$ 595.00
SCHWAAB, INC	\$ 107.95	PROSOURCE WATER PRODUCTS	\$ 2,975.00
MIAMI PRODUCTS & CHEMICAL	\$ 640.00	MIAMI PRODUCTS & CHEMICAL CO	\$ 487.50
BUCKEYE PUMPS	\$ 2,412.59	CAPLINGER SALES & SERVICE	\$ 86.97
CURLESS PRINTING	\$ 1,637.25	ARAMARK	\$ 2,502.96
CHAMPION BRIDGE	\$ 56.60	T&R ELECTRIC	\$ 6,597.56
EJ PRESCOTT	\$ 1,226.72	USA BLUEBOOK	\$ 340.16
FRONTIER	\$ 2,010.61	BUCKEYE STATE PIPE	\$ 144.48
MASI ENVIRONMENTAL	\$ 361.95	THERMODYNE ENG	\$ 7,268.00
AUTOZONE	\$ 184.23	ALLOWAY	\$ 140.00
CLINTON ELEC & PULMBING SUPPLY	\$ 16.67	SAM'S CLUB	\$ 99.90
VERIZON	\$ 792.29	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	\$ 380.75
THOMASSON CO.	\$ 20,694.55	KOORSEN FIRE AND SECURITY	\$ 111.21
ANIXTER	\$ 4,241.68	AEGION CORRPRO	\$ 2,445.00
KOI	\$ 164.10	SCHWAAB, INC	\$ 72.49
TREASURER, STATE OF OHIO	\$ 2,600.00	LOWES BUSINESS	\$ 431.08
ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	\$ 133.55	USA BLUEBOOK	\$ 53.50
ANIXTER INC	\$ 4,954.00	VISA	\$ 15,755.92
CURLESS PRINTING	\$ 550.00	CORE & MAIL LP	\$ 245.00
HACH CO.	\$ 659.07	BILL MARTIN AUTO CENTER	\$ 946.89
BUCKEYE STATE PIPE	\$ 207.99	LYKINS OIL CO	\$ 5,513.49
ALLOWAY	\$ 140.00	TOTAL	\$ 494,387.87
CORE AND MAIN	\$ 725.00		

