

Board of Public Affairs Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2023

There was a regular meeting of the Blanchester Board of Public Affairs held on Thursday March 2, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chairman Bowling, Attending were Chairman Bowling, Trustees Robert Haines, Dennis Blocker, Director Ram Reddy, Riley Hopkins, Wayne Moore 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 Blocker/Trustee Haines to approve the bills listed in Appendix-A of March 2023. All in favor - All Yeas. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report:

At the request of Rusty Hampton, brought up the issue of a new Bucket Truck. The older one we have, has had numerous repairs this year. Requesting a New Truck to be put on order as it can take up to 39 months for the delivery of a new one. We need to figure out how to finance. Will not need the money for at least 2 years. The Board authorized the staff to investigate the cost and lead time, and get back with the information.

Board discussed the E. Fancy Street Water Main Replacement and Street Resurfacing project bids and agreed and authorized the staff to recommend the Council to award it to the lowest bidder with in an amount "not to exceed \$591K".

A motion/second by Chairman Bowling/Trustee Blocker not to exceed \$591K. All in favor - All Yeas., Motion carried

Clerk to call SSI for an update on the New VIP Software for financial and Billing purposes.

Director:

Electric Department installed lighting in all the locations as requested by the Parks Department and approved by the Board.

Village officials attended APPA Legislative Rally in Washington, DC and visited Senators and Congressman to request the funding for our projects. Staff working on making the formal requests for funding.

Procurement of substation construction site: Staff continued to work on Duke's property for Substation site. The site survey has been completed by McCarty and Associates and Duke's real estate department is reviewing it.

Cherry Street water main replacement and street resurfacing Phase – 2 Project – contractor waiting for better weather to complete the construction work.

Staff continued to work with RCAP on the project to identify and map lead water service lines. Staff continued to meet and discuss with RCAP on this project.

Staff continued to meet and discuss with RCAP, EPA, and Jones & Henry on the Reservoir #3 project approvals and funding. The engineering costs are almost doubling due to the scope change of project by the ODNR which required lot of additional design work.

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.

Had a meeting (virtual) with Taco Bell. Staff representing from all the Village/BPA departments participated in this meeting.

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 few minor weather-related problems.

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

Staff continued to work on upgrading the primary line on Center Street.

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

Staff continued looking for hiring a qualified 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 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. The approval date is moved to June 2023 from February 2023 due to the delays in project schedule.

Staff applied to Ohio EPA for a grant of \$10,000 approval to procure water distribution system leak detection equipment – waiting for approval by Ohio EPA.

Staff helping sewer department on plant and other equipment repairs.

Reservoir water storage levels: We have about 236 million gallons of storage available to treat and supply for about 25 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.

The Board discussed and approved to replace the water main on old S. Broadway before the street department repaves the street. Cost of the material will be about \$22,000 and will be done by inhouse staff.

Staff working with the Ohio EPA on source water protection plan.

Staff continued to install AMI Water Meters with some continued delays and issues in getting the material delivered by the vendors. 971 AMI meters have been installed to-date and 967 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. Revised plans have been submitted for review and approval.

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.

Fancy Street sewer lift station pump (one of the two) has been sent for repairs and waiting for the repairs to be done. Costing \$665 for repairs.

Board approved to purchase the pre-treatment equipment Bar Screen/Rake Assembly at a cost of **\$122,748** and Grit Screw Conveyor and Grit Classifier at a cost of **\$56,062** plus the installation costs for the both. The equipment is about 29 years old and way surpassed its life expectancy of about 15 years, and having ongoing expensive repairs.

Magna Rotor Gear Box locked up and beyond repairable condition. Getting a new Gear Box to replace it.

Staff continued to work on grounds maintenance.

Other Business

Motion to move into executive session per 1.21.22 of ORC session at 8:33 PM. Chairman Bowling/Trustee Blocker.

All in favor – All Yeas. Motion Carried.

Motion/second to end Executive Session at 9:07PM by Chairman Bowling/Trustee Blocker

All in favor – All Yeas. Motion Carried.

No action by the Board.

Motion/Second to close the Board meeting at 9:08 pm by Trustee Blocker/Chairman Bowling.
All in favor. All Yeas. Motion Carried



James Bowling - Chairman



Donna Johnson – Clerk

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Bills for March 2023**

Appendix A

VENDOR	TOTAL	VENDOR	TOTAL
LOWES	\$ 64.29	AG-PRO	\$ 906.27
IMPA	\$ 466,681.52	ALLOWAY	\$ 280.00
TREASURER, STATE OF OHIO	\$ 1,632.00	STANLEY J BOLKA	\$ 780.00
VILLAGE OF BLANCHESTER	\$ 20,999.18	CLERMONT COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 252.00
ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	\$ 172.69	BILL MARTIN AUTO CENTER	\$ 1,718.00
PITNEY BOWES	\$ 414.96	MIKE SHAW	\$ 150.00
PEELLE MCCOY LAW	\$ 1,633.35	MIAMI PRODUCTS & CHEMICAL	\$ 419.00
PITNEY BOWES	\$ 1,312.85	ANIXTER INC	\$ 1,616.40
PROSOURCE WATER PRODUCTS	\$ 2,975.00	CLINTON ELEC & PLUMBING	\$ 603.55
MIAMI PRODUCTS & CHEMICAL	\$ 396.00	THERMODYNE ENG	\$ 18,503.00
KOI ENTERPRICES INC	\$ 95.90	ISC, INC. (IMPA)	\$ 4,017.50
BDK FEED & SUPPLY	\$ 707.11	WATER SOLUTIONS	\$ 888.90
CORE AND MAIN	\$ 1,658.65	ANIXTER INC	\$ 6,247.66
CLINTON ELEC & PLUMBING	\$ 360.60	LYKINS OIL	\$ 2,170.19
DUKE ENERGY	\$ 2,543.22	BONDED CHEMICALS INC	\$ 4,464.00
FRONTIER	\$ 2,166.67	USABLUJEBOOK	\$ 607.16
MASI ENVIRONMENTAL	\$ 544.45	HACH CO.	\$ 645.01
LYKINS OIL	\$ 2,006.26	UNITED SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	\$ 2,643.87
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$ 802.65	CORE & MAIN	\$ 232.00
T&R ELECTRIC	\$ 1,301.47	TREASURER, STATE OF OHIO (EPA)	\$ 100.00
THERMOCYNE ENGINEERING	\$ 6,148.98	JEREMY CANTER	\$ 150.00
DEFRIES COPP LLC	\$ 600.00	JERRY'S WELDING SUPPLY	\$ 44.00
HOME DEPOT	\$ 2,263.34	MAGULAC'S TIRE SERVICE	\$ 576.00
JERRY'S ELECTRIC	\$ 10,350.00	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	\$ 24.48
KILEY TREE EXPERTS	\$ 5,115.00		\$ 585,587.56
JOHN CARMAN	\$ 138.43		
BONDED CHEMICALS INC	\$ 4,464.00		

