

Board of Public Affairs Meeting Minutes – September 1, 2022

There was a regular meeting of the Blanchester Board of Public Affairs held on Thursday, September 1, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 1:37pm by Chairman Bowling, Attending were Chairman Bowling, Trustees Robert Haines, Dennis Blocker, Director Ram Reddy, and Donna Johnson, clerk.
Guests: Chief Houghton and Lt. Browder. 3

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 September 1, 2022.
All in favor - All Yeas. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Chief Houghton made a request to use the property behind the Water Plant for a shooting range for training purposes. Chief Houghton and Lt. Browder assured the Board that this wooded site next to reservoir number 3 will be used for Blanchester Police Department training only and it would not create any environmental hazard to water, and would not create any safety or noise hazard or issues to nearby neighborhood.

The Board asked the Chief and the Chief agreed to provide an agreement from the Police Department stating the above and taking responsibility to protect the BPA from any liability due to the above activity. The Chief Agreed to it.

The Board Approved the Police Department's request by consensus with the above stipulation.

Clerk's Report:

Electric Policy for Electric Service and Metering Installation was approved and signed by the Board.

Placed an additional 6-month order with Curless Printing for all forms. Hopefully we will know by that time what the new system will need.

Asked Permission to replace the carpet in the Conference room and Front Office. Approved to get quotes.

Dennis Blocker and Wayne Moore to look for used or new pickup truck for Water Department. Board had approved 30K.

Director:

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

ISC is in 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 at the elementary school.

Cherry Street water main replacement and street resurfacing Phase – 2 Project – contractor continued to work on preparations to start construction in October.

Staff repaired a water main break on East Center Street.

East Fancy St. water main replacement and street resurfacing project – Finalized work on Design, Engineering and Bid documents. The project has been bid and the bids received were above the engineer's cost estimation. Exploring other options and waiting for the Board and the Mayor's input on rebidding the project.

Applied for funding through OPWC for Orchard Circle and Orchard View water main replacement, sewer improvements, and street resurfacing project phase 1.

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.

Electric System:

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

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

Staff continued to work on primary electric overhead line upgrade on Wright St. - continued as time and weather permits.

Staff continued to work on non-pay disconnections. All the non-paid accounts this month have been disconnected remotely using the AMI system.

Staff continued to work on system improvements.

Staff acquired a used Reel Stand (year 2021 model) for \$7,850 to help the staff in construction.

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.

Reservoir water storage levels: We have about 194 million gallons of storage available to treat and supply for about 16 months at the current flow rate to our residents and neighboring water haulers.

Ohio EPA conducted a renewal survey of WTP Laboratory and the personnel were operationally certified.

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

Continued training new staff in the lab to get them certified by the Ohio EPA.

Staff continued to help water and electric meter reading.

Staff continued to install AMI Water Meters with some continued delays and issues in getting the material delivered by the vendors. 521 AMI meters have been installed 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.

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.

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.

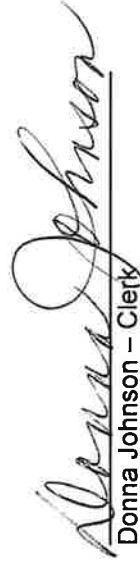
Other Business

No other issues

Motion/Second to close the Board meeting at 2:50 pm by Trustee Haines/Trustee Blocker
All in favor. All Yeas. Motion Carried



James Bowling - Chairman



Donna Johnson – Clerk

**Board of Public Affairs Meeting September, 2022
Bills for September 2022
Appendix A**

VENDOR	AMOUNT	VENDOR	AMOUNT
IMPA	\$ 412,425.87	CITY OF WILMINGTON LAB	\$ 1,330.00
TREASURER, STATE OF OHIO	\$ 2,339.00	TECHNICAL LEARNING COLLEGE	\$ 239.95
VILLAGE OF BLANCHESTER	\$ 16,910.68	GFS CHEMICAL	\$ 479.49
POWERPLAN (JOHN DEERE)	\$ 1,421.91	ALLOWAY	\$ 280.00
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED	\$ 1,420.00	PRIME FLEET SERVICES	\$ 1,550.00
USA BLUEBOOK	\$ 1,366.47	VISA	\$ 1,885.72
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$ 793.90	MR. RENTAL	\$ 10.00
MIAMI PRODUCTS & CHEMICAL CO	\$ 1,097.50	USA BLUEBOOK	\$ 303.38
CAPLINGER SALES & SERVICE	\$ 84.31	BILL STRANGE & SONS	\$ 75.00
BUCKEYE STATE PIPE & SUPPLY	\$ 190.00	AUTOZONE	\$ 184.23
ANIXTER, INC	\$ 1,422.00	KOORSEN FIRE AND SECURITY	\$ 107.97
PROSOURCE WATER PROD	\$ 2,975.00	UNITED SYSTEMS	\$ 52,435.58
MASI ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	\$ 1,032.95	USA BLUEBOOK	\$ 624.55
USIC LOCATING SERVICES	\$ 1,290.48	BEST ONE TIRE	\$ 653.00
FRONTIER	\$ 1,959.15	UNITED SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	\$ 14,590.96
BUCKEYE STATE PIPE & SUPPLY	\$ 44,644.43	MIAMI PRODUCTS & CHEMICAL CO	\$ 868.75
PARKSON	\$ 534.93	PITNEY BOWES INC	\$ 1,105.64
GLEN FAULKNER	\$ 427.69	PARKSON	\$ 485.95
ALTEC INDUSTRIES	\$ 198,044.00	CAPLINGER SALES & SERVICE	\$ 451.48
ARAMARK	\$ 2,502.96	STANLEY J BOLKA	\$ 975.00
USA BLUEBOOK	\$ 77.55	QUAD COUNTY SERVICE & REPAIR	\$ 1,414.04
KOI ENTERPRISES	\$ 519.90	PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OH	\$ 35.00
PITNEY BOWES	\$ 100.00	CLERMONT COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 308.00
GRADECO OF CLINTON COUNTY	\$ 3,170.00	OHIO MUNICIPAL ELEC ASSOC	\$ 4,065.00
THERMODYNE	\$ 8,293.73	TOTAL	\$ 793,635.61
A&A SAFETY	\$ 232.00		