

Board of Public Affairs Meeting Minutes – April 7, 2022

There was a regular meeting of the Blanchester Board of Public Affairs held on Thursday, April 7, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Bowling.

Attending were Trustees James Bowling, Robert Haines, Dennis Blocker, Director Ram Reddy, Mayor John Carman, and Donna Johnson, clerk.

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

A motion/second by Trustee Blocker/Chairman Bowling to approve the bills listed in Appendix-A of April. All in favor – All Yeas. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report:

Inquired about the purchase of a Pick-up from State Bid for the Water Dept. – Ohio State Cooperative Purchasing Department is still working on the competitive bidding process.

Complaint from Mr. Eury about a flyer insert in his monthly Bill. Flyer went to all BPA customers and there was no issue with any others with the flyer other than Mr. Eury. The Board did not take any action on this.

Request from Councilman Parks to respond to the owner of B.I.C., concerning extension of water & sewer from the edge of town to Dudley Road. Chairman Bowling will draft a letter to B.I.C.

Staff recommended replacement of damaged primary pump for sewer plant for \$17,695. Board approved a not to exceed amount of \$19,000 to purchase the new pump.

A Motion/Second by Trustee Haines/Chairman Bowling to Proceed. All in favor – All Yeas. Motion Carried.

Staff working with the legal counsel on Leon Ct. sewer backup issue and customer lawsuit.

Staff Reported that 2110 AMI Electric meters and 146 AMI Water meters are now installed and are in service, and will continue to install more as time and weather permits. Staff looking into some communication issues with the water meters due to signal not reaching to the AMI meters through the cast iron meter pit lids.

Director

Jack Alvey has become the new IMPA President & CEO officially as of April 6, 2022.

Procurement of substation construction site: With the Board's approval, Banta property has been acquired, and staff continued to work on Duke's property.

Staff, board members, and the BPA legal counsel had several discussions and meetings to explore the options to provide utility services to Mr. Hurst's property on Middleboro Road. The Board Chairman James Bowling was to communicate with Mr. Hurst on the options.

Council approved the use of ARPA funding as presented by the Fiscal Officer to help the following:

- Purchase of AMI water meters
- Local match for Chery Street Phase – 2 project
- Local match for East Fancy Street Water Main Replacement and street resurfacing project
- Engineering for East Fancy Street Water Main Replacement and street resurfacing project
- Purchase of fire hydrants and associated materials
- Purchase of skid steer or Bobcat to help street department and all the BPA departments.

Staff ordered new fire hydrants and associated materials following the approval of funds by the council.

Chery Street water main replacement and street resurfacing Phase – 2 Project – Had a pre-construction meeting last month and is in process of getting ready to start construction. Received EPA approvals.

East Fancy Street water main replacement and street resurfacing project – Design and Engineering work is in process.

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

Also, trying to get some low interest and/or no interest loans for local match portion of the existing projects which have already received the funding and are in process of engineering and construction. This will help us to avoid immediate burden on the operating funds.

Staff continued to work with the funding agencies on the projects applied for loans and grants with potential for loan forgiveness (Ohio EPA/DEFA, ARPA, HB 168, etc.).

Staff continued to work with ODOT and Choice One Engineering on SRTS project. BPA relocated the utilities to accommodate the construction and applied for the reimbursement from ODOT for the relocation costs.

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.

Staff continued to follow the CDC guidelines related to COVID-19.

Staff continued to work with Mayor on the proposed TACO Bell restaurant construction.

Electric System:

Electric Distribution system operation – Continued to be normal with some storm related outages and minor problems.

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

Staff continued to work on non-pay disconnections. Most of the disconnections are done remotely using the AMI.

Staff still waiting for the updated costs for the Dewey Memorial Park parking lot lighting upgrade from the Vendors.

Staff continued to work on system improvements.

Water System:

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

Staff continued to work on preparing the water system for the upcoming Sanitary Survey by the Ohio EPA.

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.

Staff continued to work on addressing few potential issues with the water towers to stay in compliance with the Ohio EPA.

Staff continued to work on preparation of operating standards and procedures for fire hydrants and distribution system equipment.

Reservoir water storage levels: We have about 232 million gallons of storage available to treat and supply for about 20 months at the current flow rate to our residents and neighboring water haulers.

Preparations continued to replace water main on old South Broadway Street.

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 helping the meter reading.

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

- Cherry Street Phase -1 – Complete other than minor work on fixing a sewer lateral or basement drainage pipe for the Municipal Building which was damaged during the construction. Staff working on this with the contractor and will be a change order.
- Reservoir Number- 3 Improvements – Had a conference call meeting with ODNR and Jones & Henry to discuss on final submittal of plans, and potential cost over runs for construction and engineering and potential help from ODNR for additional funding.

Staff worked on grounds maintenance.

Sewer System:

Sewer Treatment Plant and Collection System operations are continued to be 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.

Staff expressed some concern on Councilman Parks involvement with BPA customers on Facebook communicating inaccurate information to them.

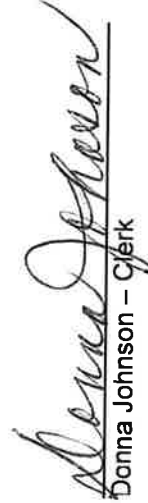
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Other Business

Motion/Second to close the meeting at 8:23 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 April 2022

Appendix A

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
TREASURER, STATE OF OHIO	\$ 2,802.00	ARAMARK	\$ 3,270.55
VILLAGE OF BLANCHESTER	\$ 23,007.67	MASI ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	\$ 931.00
PROSOURCE WATER PRODUCTS LTD	\$ 2,975.00	STANLEY J BOLKA	\$ 975.00
ITRON	\$ 1,614.00	VISA	\$ 1,133.43
SUEZ WTS USA, INC.	\$ 1,832.70	CAPLINGER SALES & SERVICE	\$ 82.47
THERMODYNE ENG	\$ 8,167.50	JOHN CARMAN	\$ 230.19
MIAMI PRODUCTS & CHEMICAL CO	\$ 367.00	FASTENAL	\$ 736.64
SIDEWINDER ELECTRIC CO.	\$ 1,432.00	USA BLUEBOOK	\$ 721.83
OHIO ASPHALTIC LIMESTONE	\$ 530.85	PROSOURCE WATER PRODUCTS LTD	\$ 2,975.00
DUKE ENERGY	\$ 1,437.06	ELECTRIC MOTOR TECH	\$ 1,270.00
FASTENAL	\$ 145.83	PITNEY BOWES	\$ 201.00
USA BLUEBOOK	\$ 717.70	SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS	\$ 905.00
MASI ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	\$ 239.55	CLINTON ELEC & PLUMBING SUPPLY	\$ 225.06
USIC LOCATING SERVICE	\$ 664.35	WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED	\$ 689.50
LYKINS OIL, CO.	\$ 2,349.32	THERMODYNE ENG	\$ 17,453.00
BRENCO	\$ 101.97	SUEZ WTS USA, INC.	\$ 1,896.76
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$ 792.97	CURLISS PRINTING CO	\$ 358.00
BONDED CHEMICALS	\$ 1,331.00	ANIXTER	\$ 3,991.70
STAPLES	\$ 150.11	TOTAL	\$ 89,628.01
KOI AUTO PARTS	\$ 504.55		
LYKINS OIL, CO.	\$ 418.75		

