

The Police Report was presented for the month of February to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Rusher, seconded by Ramsey, that the Police Report be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

Bills against the Village were presented for the approval of the Board. Motion made by Wilson, seconded by Callan, to approve and issue warrants for all bills. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

Zoning Officer's Report: Zoning Officer LeVault issued no zoning permits in the month of February.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve the Zoning Report for the month of February. Motion made by Bailey, seconded by Rusher, to approve the Zoning report for the month of February. Motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

President's Report: President Dowdy requested a motion to rehire Mark Bingham with Chastain & Associates LLC as Engineer for Motor Fuel Tax. Motion made by Rusher, seconded by Wilson, to rehire Mark Bingham with Chastain & Associates LLC as Engineer for Motor Fuel Tax. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy discussed the 3% increase annually in the water and sewer rates that are automatically set to incur. The Board agreed to increase the current water and sewer rates 3%.

President Dowdy said the storm sirens have arrived at the company and they are scheduled to be installed on Monday, March 14, 2022. Shelby Electric has taken down the old poles and the new poles are ready. The company installing the sirens will do the installation and set up the new poles.

Trustee Callan asked if the check from the State has arrived for the storm siren. President Dowdy said it has not been received yet, but it is still on its way.

President Dowdy updated on the ongoing issue with ACTS, LLC. Technically, as of now, there is nothing we can do to stop him from continuing installation other than making sure he is abiding by every state and city ordinance. Illinois has a Telecommunications Act, which gives all telecommunications companies the right of way to city owned property to run telecommunications devices. ACTS, LLC is listed with the FCC because he also is a phone company. He is now using the Illinois Telecommunications Act to allow him to keep installing pits and boring lines. The Village sent him a letter to inform him the original contract is null and void because he did not abide by his own contract.

Trustee Rusher questioned if ACTS, LLC can be billed for the things the Village has had to fix because they were not repaired properly. President Dowdy said they are keeping a record of everything that the Village has had to fix. President Dowdy said the Village has an ordinance that says a Village employee must be present when he is boring lines

There have also been issues with Julie locates and ACTS, LLC has been contacted by Julie for not calling those locates in.

President Dowdy welcomed Superintendent Heberling to the table to discuss the call taker provider. Superintendent Heberling stated the last two invoices for the current call taker provider for the month of January was \$149.54 and for the month of February was \$158.72. The current call taker provider only provides 50 free calls a month and after the 50 free calls they charge \$1.76 for each call. They are not in the drug program, and they do not have a priority list.

Superintendent Heberling would like to switch to ATZ Messaging, which is out of Nebraska, and the USDI recommends them. They charge \$125.00 a month and provides 80 free calls a month and after the 80 free calls they charge \$1.20 a call.

ATZ Messaging is in the drug program, it provides call taker training, and records all the calls. They do have a priority list which bumps the calls to the top of the list which is beneficial because the Village has a gas system.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to switch the call taker provider to ATZ Messaging. Motion made by Blakeman, seconded by Rusher, to switch the call taker provider to ATZ Messaging. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy welcomed Engineer Mark Bingham to discuss the chemical feed pumps. Engineer Bingham gave a little background on the chemical feed pumps. A year or so ago, there were chlorine issues at the water treatment plant. This was chlorine gas. At that time the Board elected to change to a liquid chlorine feed system because liquid chlorine is safer to work with and you do not have to worry about the chlorine gas. They went through the permitting process, and everything was approved. Then it took extra time to get materials. Two or three months ago they were notified that the chlorine pumps were not going to be delivered until May.

During this timeframe, they have had some issues with this specific manufacturer, and this has been a manufacturer they have used for years. Because of this they were looking at changing to a different pump that would be readily available rather than the pumps that were originally ordered. During this time, they received notification that the original pumps were shipped, and they are now at the water treatment plant.

Engineer Bingham said he had been working with the vendor to get a different pump to be installed. The vendor said there would be no added costs for changing to a different pump manufacturer. The manufacturer is the one who shipped the originally ordered pumps and he is not sure if there is going to be a restocking fee. He will get the restocking fee and will let the Village know of the cost of the fee.

Engineer Bingham said the chlorine pumps they would like to switch to are on the shelf. Both sets of pumps are from the same company, but they are not the same manufacturer, and they are different styles of pumps.

Trustee Bailey questioned what the difference is in the chlorine pumps.

Engineer Bingham said the difference is one pump is a diaphragm pump and the other is a peristaltic pump, and they have a different type of process.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve to switch to the new style chlorine pumps. Motion made by Rusher, seconded by Blakeman to switch to the new style chlorine pumps. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Engineer Bingham stated there were no disbursement requests for this month.

Engineer Bingham discussed they are waiting for approval to dispose of the softener resin. There has not been an issue in the past. But now landfills are not accepting any. There is one landfill that required additional testing of the media for metals and they have not received the results back yet. He hopes they will approve it and it will get sent off to Sangamon Valley.

If there is not a landfill that will accept any media at this time the media will have to be stockpiled and stored in containers to try to get the plants up and going before there is demand from the fertilizer plant.

Trustee Callan questioned if there was a target date to start the new water plant. Engineer said he thinks startup will be by the end of March.

President Dowdy questioned since it was approved to switch the chlorine pumps will the chlorine room start getting worked on. Engineer Bingham said he will have to turn in the supplemental permit to the EPA for the switch of the chlorine pumps. It feels that maybe in six weeks the chlorine room could be finished.

Engineer Bingham reported when the water plant was built, it communicated via radio. They found out there were issues with the cable and therefore there has been no radio communication for the wells. The installer of radio systems tested the existing cable that runs from the water tower to the water treatment plant, and their opinion is that the cable underground, even though it is in conduit is getting moisture.

Engineer Bingham recommends switching to cellular communication because there would be no cable between the tower and the water plant, just a cellular based antenna. The Village will have to get a business plan through a cellular provider. It has been determined that AT&T or Sprint is going to be the best cell service for the two locations. There will be the cost of getting a cellular account set up and the material. He feels this could be rolled into the EPA loan program because it is part of the water system. It would be a change order to the project.

Officer Peden questioned if there was a back-up system if the AT&T tower went down. Engineer Bingham said there would not be a backup system unless an old radio was left to use. He also stated that in case connection to a cellular tower was lost an alarm could be triggered and used as back-up.

The Board gave Engineer Bingham the go ahead to get an accurate cost of cellular communications between the wells.

President Dowdy welcomed Jim Cunningham to the table. Mr. Cunningham voiced his concerns regarding the home located at 210 S. Pine. Mr. Cunningham stated animals are moving in the home, the roof is falling in, and there is a hole in the roof.

President Dowdy said they would try to send a letter to the owner to see if there is anything the owner wants to do with the property.

Engineer Bingham added he would like to show the Board where they are at and what has been completed on the GIS mapping for the Village and SNAWS. He hopes to be able to show the Board at the next meeting.

President Dowdy stated he and Superintendent Heberling have been discussing the Village dump truck that has been at the Blueville Garage for a year now. At this time, it is scheduled to get a radiator installed and will hopefully be getting fixed soon. There may be an opportunity to purchase one of the Township's trucks. The old propane truck has major issues and brake issues, and it is not used because of these issues. The propane truck was sent to Micenheimer Auction to see what the Village can get out of the truck.

Trustee Callan questioned how many trucks the Village still has. President Dowdy said there are three pick-up trucks and two dump trucks.

Trustee Bailey asked if there has been a limit or reserve put on the propane dump truck for the auction.

Trustee Rusher feels that at least a minimum of a \$2,500 reserve but he would have liked to have seen an estimate on repair before it went to Micenheimer Auction.

It was agreed to set a \$2,500 reserve on the propane dump truck that is at Micenheimer Auction.

Village Attorney Report: Nothing to report.

WATER – The Water Report for February 1, 2022 – March 3, 2022, billing period was presented.

GAS – The Gas Report for February 1, 2022 – March 3, 2022, billing period was presented.

SEWER – The Sewer Report for February 1, 2022 – March 3, 2022, billing period was presented.

Committee Reports: STREETS & ALLEYS – Nothing to report.

HEALTH & SAFETY – Nothing to report.

FINANCE – Nothing to report.

WATER – Trusted Callan asked for an update on the outstanding gas bills.

Kari Scott reported there are five customers that are still currently needing to pay off their gas accounts that are active customers. There have been four customers that have been sent to collections. One of the accounts has been given until the first of April to pay it off.

There is one customer that has moved out of the Village and has left a large balance on their account. President Dowdy suggested having the Village attorney put a lien on the property.

Trustee Callan reported that with the new state redistricting our area will only have one House of Representative instead of two. He met with Representative Tim Butler (R) Springfield and spoke with him. Representative Butler indicated he would help out our community if we needed help.

SEWER – Nothing to report. (Bailey)

GAS – Trustee Blakeman questioned if the valves have been updated yet at the gas plant.

Superintendent Heberling stated they have not been updated yet. The gas valves have been ordered but have not shipped yet.

President Dowdy reported that Sharpsburg is moving forward but they are on hold right now because the price of pipe. They are still getting some easements and approximately 70% of them.

Trustee Blakeman questioned if the GIS mapping is complete for Sharpsburg. Engineer Bingham stated it would never be completely finished but they are getting to a point to show it to the Board and he and Superintendent Heberling will walk around and check it to make sure nothing was missed and do some training.

Trustee Blakeman stated it would help with the ISO rating to know where the hydrants are located. Engineer Bingham said he would provide the location of the hydrants.

Trustee Callan asked to set a Finance Committee meeting to discuss payroll. The Finance Committee meeting was set for Monday, March 28, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss payroll.

Trustee Bailey asked about the timeclock that was discussed a couple months ago. President Dowdy stated that he has been researching a timeclock that you log in on your phone and log in on a computer.

Trustee Bailey questioned if anyone was contacted by DOT about the trash that was dumped in the ditch.

Officer Peden said he had been contacted by DOT and they know where it is coming from because the person's mail is in the trash. Officer Peden also reported that there is a German shepherd running loose in town and he has been trying to catch it. It has been getting into trash cans and getting food and had gotten into the trash that was dumped and drug the trash across the road.

President Dowdy set the date and time for the April Regular Meeting as Monday, April 4, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

With no further business coming before the Board, a motion was made by Callan, seconded by Bailey, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

APPROVED:

Bruce Dowdy, Village President

ATTEST:

Jill Gilpin, Village Clerk