

The Board of Public Affairs met in regular session on February 2, 2009.

ROLL CALL ~ Mr. Blythe, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Miller in attendance.

Motion made by Mr. Miller to accept the minutes as corrected from the January 19, 2009 meeting, second by Mr. Campbell and unanimously passed.

Thomas G. Graber	\$1,177.88
Laquita M. Pickard	\$941.09
James C. Baxter	\$1,109.03
Gary A. Wenzel	\$623.38
Huntington Bank	\$122.79
Opers	\$1,521.21
Aultcare/MLIC	\$1,946.95
First HSA Inc.	\$212.49
Postmaster	\$39.50
Postmaster	\$201.60
TOTAL	\$7,895.92

Motion made by Mr. Blythe to accept the bills, second by Mr. Campbell and unanimously passed.

OLD BUSINESS

The Old Business on the Longaberger Company, they have still not contacted me on that final walk through. When we had a meeting with the EPA, I did discuss it with Dean Stoll, our representative, and he suggested that Longaberger writes a letter to pretreatment person at the EPA and he wants Longaberger to write the letter stating that they are closing down and they want to be involved in the final walk through too. I will try to get that done. Also, the December bill was sent out. Longaberger has three different bills. There is a bill for the building out front, the employee part of the business and the waste from the logs that they used to produce. The log waste bill had a zero on it pending the final inspection. December's bill is deferred until final inspection. The other two bills stated the same because there are still employees that work there.

NEW BUSINESS

I have some requisitions which are all budgeted. The first one is the gas that we need for our gas detector in the amount of \$95.00 so we can calibrate the gas meter to go down the manholes. The second is the air filters and oil for blowers. The third one is for brush hogging and weed eating on the sanitary easements for 2009 and this is the same price per hour and the same estimated time to do that in 2009.

The December monthly report, there was no violations in December. The flow was rounded off, 94% of design, the solids was rounded off to 99% of design.

Discussion pursued concerning whether we are at capacity.

In a few weeks we will have the annual report done that will help show the capacity that we are at.

Discussion pursued concerning any violations or fines for 2008.

I received an e-mail from James Roberts from the EPA and they used him because he has a contact list for everyone in the State of Ohio and that is how this came about, but it is about the stimulus fund. The Board may want to read this and become aware of it.

Basically, they are saying that any shovel ready project need to be ready to award contracts by November of this year. We currently have one project that is Sunnyside and Park Lane Drive, sanitary sewer replacement that we have ready. There are a couple of lines we need to investigate a little bit farther to see if we want to add on to it, then also what the Village wants to do regarding the Waste Water Treatment plant. You are not guaranteed any money and that makes it tough too.

Gary interjects that when he got into RCAP, he really spent some time learning their stuff and he found a website, actually it's in Idaho and so he just signed up to get on their mailing list because all they talk about is water or waste water. They just tell you about what is happening from their perspective. He just received the end of last week and from that perspective they said the 647 page bill containing expenditures for this economic stimulus has passed the House and now the Senate is going to vote on it, so they are still working on it. Essentially they are saying here goes line and line with what Tom has given us. Now they are calling it the Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Funds. They are anticipating something around 6 billion dollars nationally, most of it actually is waste water directed not water directed. The House has mandated states apportion 50% of their funds to provide assistance in the form of additional substance including forgiveness of principal, negative interest loans and grants to municipalities for projects that are included on the state's priority list... Of this 50%, 80% shall be for projects to benefit municipalities that need affordability criteria as determined by the Governor of the State and 20% shall be for projects to address water efficiency goals, address energy efficiency goals, mitigate storm water runoffs or encourage environmentally sensitive project planning, design and construction. Ohio State's their portion of this six billion is just under 327 million dollars. Basically, that's has been presented to the House and Senate.

Discussion pursued concerning the stimulus package and grants.

Gary ~ Every month Lori puts together the sewer bills, so she takes white post card size stock and she prints everything, the blue you see in the columns and the numbers and the addresses all of it comes out of our software and she prints them out on this big printer. She then spends exorbitant amount of time sorting everything. Have you ever heard of the term "cass"? It is a certification that ultimately the post office wants that says we don't have to take a second look at that because it is cass certified as sorted, by zip code, by the four extension, it is very detailed. We don't have that capability, not even close. I talked with a software manufacturer that has our financials and utilities and they do not do that. Well, I bring that up because every month we always have a run in with the post office. I spent a long time with the postal people trying to sort through all this stuff, more on their rules and regulations. There was a very nice lady that helped us sort the things properly right there and we were able to get it mailed out. What I'm recommending, our rate doing it that way is about 24 cents and I don't know how many hours she spends sorting, printing and sorting, it's amazing. What I would recommend, I don't know if you have seen the new tax forms they sent out from the Village, we redid them and we found a company that prints them and mails them and they are all cass certified and it dropped our postage down to 17 cents per piece and we have literally have saved three or four thousand dollars this year on mailing our tax forms out. I am recommending the same for the monthly sewer bills. We go to a third party, they print them, they sort them, they mail them for less money.

Discussion pursued concerning the mailing of the sewer bills.

There is a problem with the next meeting on February 16th, that is a holiday, and does any one feel we need to have a second meeting in February?

No, the next meeting will be Monday, March 2, 2009.

Motion made by Mr. Blythe to adjourn, second by Mr. Miller and unanimously passed.

FISCAL OFFICER

CHAIRMAN