

**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LITTLE VALLEY
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024 – 6:45 PM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

PRESENT:

James Bowen – Mayor
Todd Palmatier – Deputy Mayor
Rory Mosher – Trustee
Craig Bedell – Trustee
Raymond Hughes – Trustee

JoElla Emborsky – Clerk Treasurer
Kory Gross – Streets/Water Superintendent
Larry Imhoff – Sr. Line Worker

ABSENT:

John Helgager – Building & Zoning CEO

VISITORS:

Joanne Rood, Will Lowry, Flossie Steinbroner, Jim Hamilton

Mayor James Bowen opened the Public Hearing at 6:52 PM for public comment on the current Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project: 656PW122-22, Water System Improvements Project.

No public comment.

MOTION #128, 2023-2024

Motion made by Trustee Palmatier, seconded by Trustee Bedell, to close the Public Hearing from public comment. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**

AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Bedell, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Mosher, Trustee Palmatier

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Mayor James Bowen called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION #129, 2023-2024

Motion made by Trustee Palmatier, seconded by Trustee Mosher, to approve the minutes of January 9, 2024, regular meeting. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**

AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Bedell, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Mosher, Trustee Palmatier

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

GUEST: Will Lowry – expressed his concern with a house that was recently sold on his street that he heard the buyer plans on renting it out as an Airbnb. His biggest concerns are the summer months, with the noise level and partying.

Joanne Rood – expressed interest in being a trustee. She was suggested to stop down for the Republican Caucus on Thursday, January 25th.

MAYOR:

- **OLD BUSINESS:**
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
 1. Streets & Water Working Supervisor application – *moved to executive session.*
 2. Equipment Operator application – *moved to executive session.*

SENIOR LINE WORKER:

Quotes were provided to the board for Current Transformers with a lead time of 18-20 weeks out.

- Irby – KOT-11 Current Transformer, 1200, 15kV - \$2,450.00 each – 3 needed at \$7,350.00.
- Wesco – KOT-11 Current Transformer, 110kV - \$2,815.48 each – 3 needed at \$8,446.44.

MOTION #130, 2023-2024

Motion made by Trustee Bedell, seconded by Trustee Hughes, to approve the purchase of 3 Current Transformers from Irby in the amount of \$6,885.00. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**

AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Bedell, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Mosher, Trustee Palmatier

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Storm Issues from January 9-10th – we lost a breaker in the 3rd St. substation. It's basically unplugged and will need to have the system shutdown to repair it. The shutoff could last roughly an 1-1/2 hour. We also had another issue with the breaker at the 4th Street substation. It might still be under warranty; will need to have Meyers (the manufacturer) come in and look it over.

We need to order transformers for the 2400/4160s system. These were the ones that were stolen and need to be replaced. We know of at least 2 customers who would need them since they are planning to build soon. Will work on getting quotes for some transformers for this system.

Would like to get quotes for tree cutting services to clear lines for areas like Miller Hill and Dutch Hill.

STREETS/WATER SUPERINTENDENT:

Would like to sell the John Deere and the Mahindra tractors and replace them with a new tractor. The 2003 John Deere tractor has been in bad shape for quite some time; now the 4WD doesn't work. This tractor is used at the ice rink to clear the snow off. There are broom and blower attachments as well. Also, the 2018 Mahindra tractor has issues with it and trying to find parts is getting more difficult. Streets/Water Supt. is asking to obtain quotes to purchase a new tractor that will be utilized by the sewer department for mowing in the summer months and the ice rink during the winter months for clearing snow.

Wanted to inform the board that Street/Water worker D. Gassman has intentions to resign from his position effective February 7th.

An update was given on the Water Project. Northrups has installed as much water main as they are going to install and are going to wait until the weather clears up to continue. They are hoping by mid-March to have more water mains in place. They are currently working on doing service transfers now. They are averaging 7

services transfers per day. We are waiting for Crosby's Easement to be finalized to continue drilling from the park to the other side of Fourth Street.

TRUSTEES:

Trustee Craig Bedell:

Trustee Ray Hughes:

1. Main Street – What can we do to clean it up, making it look nicer? It's always a mess. Have we tried using salt instead of sand?
Clean up the drains so the water can flow through, sidewalks should be cleaned out at area business's entry ways. Streets/Water Supt. stated they switched to 30% salt/sand mixture.
2. Winter Projects – Streets/Water Supt. stated they have been working on the skating rink to get that up and running. Also plan to weld up a different "V" plow for the skid steer. Have we looked into getting a brush for it to sweep the sidewalks? Streets/Water Supt. stated they can cost anywhere from \$7800-8000 for the attachment.
3. Grants – The Steering Committee is meeting January 29th for the Comprehensive Plan.

Trustee Rory Mosher:

Trustee Todd Palmatier:

CLERK TREASURER:

BUILDING & ZONING CODE ENFORCEMENT:

We are moving forward with BJM Motor's.

PAY BILLS AND APPROVE PAYROLL REPORTS:

Clerk Treasurer Emborsky presented the payroll for January 10, 2024, and accounts payable printouts for the board's approval. She also had the board review the vouchers listing for each fund and sign for their approval. The vouchers to be approved for payment are as follows:

<u>1/10/24 through 1/23/24 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</u>			
<u>CHECKS:</u>	General Fund	#7608-7620	\$26,947.85
	Electric Fund	#7558-7569	\$96,903.06
	Sewer Fund	#5313-5319	\$1,152.08
	Water Fund	#5476-5484	\$1,048.90
	Trust Fund	#4188	\$60.60
	Water Project Fund	#0091-0092	\$82,310.19
	Water Project – CDBG	#0000	\$0.00
<u>CHECKS VOIDED</u>			
<u>Payroll Ending 1/10/24</u>			
	Payroll Fund	#2848-2852	\$9,247.55
	Direct Deposit		\$12,237.67
	Trust Fund	#4185-4187	\$11,236.70

MOTION #131, 2023-2024

Motion made by Trustee Mosher, seconded by Trustee Palmatier, to pay the bills and payroll as presented. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**

AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Bedell, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Mosher, Trustee Palmatier

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION #132, 2023-2024

Motion made by Trustee Palmatier, seconded by Trustee Bedell, to go into Executive Session at 7:37 PM to discuss the applications for the Streets/Water Supervisor and the Equipment Operator. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**

AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Bedell, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Mosher, Trustee Palmatier

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MOTION #133, 2023-2024

Motion made by Trustee Mosher, seconded by Trustee Bedell, to come out of Executive Session at 8:04 PM. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**

AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Bedell, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Mosher, Trustee Palmatier

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION #134, 2023-2024

Motion made by Trustee Palmatier, seconded by Trustee Mosher, to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 PM. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**

AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Bedell, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Mosher, Trustee Palmatier

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Respectfully submitted,


Joella Emborsky
Clerk Treasurer

