

ACRSD Board  
Meeting Minutes  
August 14, 2020

The following persons were present:

Shannon Smitley, President  
Nathan Rumschlag, Secretary  
Steve Bailey, Board Member  
John Carroll, Board Member  
Don Bergdall, Board Member  
Jim Franz, Board Member  
Richard Lambert, Member  
Barry Scherer, Superintendent  
Mark Burry, Attorney  
Brooke Hindenlang, Paralegal to Mark Burry  
Ben Adams, Commonwealth Engineer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Board reviews minutes as presented. One change as mentioned by Barry Scherer- Ben Adams wasn't at the Linn Grove Meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES WITH CORRECTION BY RICHARD LAMBERT AND SECONDED BY JOHN CARROLL. MOTION APPROVED 7-01.

CUSTOMER QUESTIONS

- Lew Seffernick -
  - Mentioned that a couple houses on 000 that were not on 900 North plan, asked why they aren't in the plan. He also wants to know what the status is on the grant.
  - Ben Adams – There is no update on the grant.
  - Lew Seffernick – So still up in the air?
  - Ben Adams – Correct.
  - Lew Seffernick– Wants to know who it will come from.
  - Ben Adams - Baker, Tilly.
  - Lew Seffernick – But you do not have info?
  - Ben Adams – No.
  - Lew Seffernick –Advises his point is, sewer runs right down 000, right down by the wooded area, right by the Sefton property and ends in that area off 000 and 900, when you pull together the plan that you are looking to get financed, why weren't the residents on the east side, included in the plan? If they are going to be charged 10K, and they were originally in the plan, but then removed when the plan changed to go through Roe Acres,

those residents keep getting overlooked, now that it is time to get something done, they are not in the plan. His point is they need to be in the plan. 2 points he wants to make:

- 1. One of the issues that comes about is that by adding them, it will cause less money for hook-ups;
- 2. Set precedent when 33 was added back in all homes were added.
- Barry Scherer – Provides the background – “He is talking about the Harry Myers line, city gave us that line, that line ran through the woods, so we ran the line – they paid for half of the grinders 8 months ago. Luginbill’s were hired to put the grinders in for these 2 particular houses. It wasn’t that we missed it. I never even knew, I don’t remember us having a line in there. The Kable house was included”
- Ben Adams knows that those homes were previously being serviced, but he doesn’t remember if they were included.
- Steve Bailey – I don’t think we can go back and re-disgn. Water under the bridge.
- Barry Scherer brings up Larry Schwartz and how he already paid to hook-up because his system failed and now the sewer is coming by his house.
- Don Bergdall – The other new houses paid full price right?
- Barry Scherer – Had to get easements rewritten.
- Don Bergdall – Schultz paid but didn’t pay tap fee because he gave easement.
- Lew Seffernick - Sefton wasn’t invited to be connected.
- Barry Scherer –Didn’t write it down.
- Lew Seffernick – The difference is basic. You overlooked them putting this plan together, they are isolated. He thinks the difference is 10K more per household.
- Steve Bailey – It is not good for us to go back, if we go back and look at one then others with jump on the bandwagon.
- Don Bergdall – It is past that point, that project is finished. 900 is finished.
- Mark Burry – We can look at it.
- Lew Seffernick – They need to be looked at.
- Mandy Brenner– We were told that you are going to have to hook-up to city, we were going to be hooking up, her husband was interested from the get-go then was told never mind you are not being hooked up. (Husband is Jospeh Brenner)
  - Barry Scherer – Realtor told you that you were being hooked-up.
  - Jim Franz - When did you buy?
  - Mandy Brenner – 2010, her husband is in the army, this connection is something he has always wanted.
  - Barry Scherer – One has to hook-up.

- Ben Adams – Certainly we could discuss and come up with a recommendation.
- Richard Lambert – Asks if her husband spoke to anyone.
- Mandy Brenner– No.
- Barry Scherer – Barry indicates that he spoke to him when the problem arose.
- Mandy Brenner– There is no urgency,
- Barry Scherer- Health Department knows about it.
- Mandy Brenner – Comments that she knows it was pumped out.
- Mark Burry – It is something that needs looked into.
- Jim Franz – How many units are we talking about?
- Barry Scherer – They have two.
- Jim Franz – How many?
- Lew Seffernick – 3 that he knows of.
- Barry Scherer – Comments that it is like Greg Fleming.
- Lew Seffernick – Comments that no it isn't.
- Shannon Smitley – Does she need a tap?
- Barry Scherer – No, needs a grinder.
- Mark Burry - Well lets look at. Need to see what kind of money we have.
- Barry Scherer – It might be 2 or 3 years.
- Lew Seffernick – Are you saying it doesn't look like it is going to be funded?
- Jim Franz, Mark Burry, Barry Scherer – No one knows.
- Kerry Steiner – Geneva (Linn Grove) – Asks if Linn Grove is a go.
  - Barry Scherer - We were hoping,
  - Mark Burry – We were supposed to know yesterday.
  - Shannon Smitley, Nate Rumschlag – We are frustrated.
- Steven Holloway – HWY 33 –
  - When is this starting?
  - Barry Scherer – Not sure. Barry is not sure where Steven is located. Barry discusses the specifications.
  - Richard Lambert – Asks if it will be on the website.
  - Barry Scherer – Barry replies that yes, 33 is probably going to be late October, Barry Scherer recommends they look online.
    - Ben Adams asks that Brooke Hindenlang give Steve's name/address to Darrell.
  - Barry Scherer – Grinder is going to go where the wood lath is.
- Michael Smith 9100 North 000 Road – He has a contractor lined up; he is waiting on Barry Scherer to get back with him.am
  - Barry Scherer said he told Adam to get in touch with him. Because there is directional drilling going on he told him to see that person – Luginbill is doing one and Chad Uhrich is doing the house down by 900.
  - Michael will go there.
- Nancy Lichtle – 900 North – Seems to be a no brainer, 38 houses on it.
  - Barry Scherer – it will be up to the Board. 110 to Preble, 92 to Linn Grove.

- Nancy Lichtle– but the line already runs by these homes.
- Don Bergdall – The county is looking at what systems are failing – more to it than how many homes are in that area. Health Department reports to us the areas that are the hot spots.
- Steve Bailey – if you looked at all septic tanks, how many will pass?
- Don Bergdall/Barry Scherer – 20 years or older will not pass.
- Barry Scherer – the reason we go to the burgs, we can get 100 homes going to Preble. That is why went to arcadia village etc. We just can't go down every county road.
- Nancy Lichtle– I still think since you are already right there, since 38 houses are right there, it makes sense.
- Barry Scherer – that is why Clem's lake is on. Close to Bellmont. If we go to Preble, we can get Peterson and Magley.
- Jim Franz and Barry Scherer thank her
- Jim Franz – thank you for wanting to hook-up since Pleasant Mills didn't want it for years, but we need to have the money.

### APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

- Barry Scherer – reviewing sums for each,
  - Reviewing the bills for Commonwealth: Barry has a bill for 30K figure, total is \$521K, leaving a total of \$21,745.78 that we didn't have funding for. Should we pay the 30K and leave the 21K hanging open?
  - Ben Adams – our contract was in excess with the amount that the county agreed to pay.
  - Nate Rumschlag – the claim was 51K, remainder would be paid at closing.
  - Ben Adams – correct.
- Total claims - 302,365.55.
  - Steve Bailey – he was nervous about total, but didn't think county had paid the 3<sup>rd</sup> draw.
  - Mark Burry – did those funds go into the county, separate account?
  - Steve Bailey – she has a liability set up for it.

MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS AS PRESENTED - STEVE BAILEY, JOHN CARROLL 2<sup>ND</sup>.

- Bank Reconciliation

MOTION TO APPROVE MADE BY JIM FRANZ AND SECONDED BY SHANNON SMITLEY. MOTION APPROVED 7-0.

- Payroll voucher claim

MOTION TO APPROVE PAYROLL VOUCHER JIM FRANZ AND SECONDED BY DON BERGDALL. MOTION APPROVED 7-0.

- SRF Forms

- Barry Scherer reviewing 196K...

MOTION TO SUBMIT TO SRF JOHN CARROLL AND RICHARD LAMBERT  
SECONDED. MOTION APPROVED 7-0.

### DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Barry Scherer reviewing treatment costs: 4,559, last month was 4669, May was 6300, April was 7800.
  - Barry Scherer – finding that leak (highest to date was 10K), back to what it was when we first started.
- Barry Scherer moved into new office 257 B,
- Shannon Smitley – Rate Ordinance is on the agenda, Barry Scherer and Mark Burry comment that we can't talk about it without the information

### ENGINEERS REPORT

- Ben Adams brought maps for Bobo
  - Grinder Pumps Installed - Bobo project area and Salem road going from South to North, 33 coming up.
  - Progress meeting with VTF last Thursday, still a lot of electrical work, lift stations coming along, poured control panel pad.
  - Barry Scherer – site restoration done, landscaper out there – half of Bobo, seeding, waiting for rain.
  - Ben Adams was out there on Wednesday, met with SRF inspector, showed the project areas. Bobo lift station didn't look that done.
  - Tried to press them on a time-line, but we are probably looking at another 30-60 days, if they could knock an area out then we could move forward,
  - Don Bergdall comments that it seems like they could get those panels set.
  - Ben Adams agrees.
  - Barry Scherer – I think we are going to... 2 of the workers are going to put posts, panels in on 101 and 33, that would be quite a few taps.
  - Ben Adams – VTF rep had a good point, they are setting the basins themselves and backfilling hopefully allowing a little settlement, they didn't like how settling occurred in Pleasant Mills after the set the posts.
  - Don Bergdall – Seems like if they took a little more care when setting them in, we could get it done.
  - Ben Adams understands.
  - John Carroll – is there a set completion time?
  - Ben Adams – September 11, but the original didn't include Salem Road, holding them to the end of September.

- Ben Adams –Reviewing monthly status report sheet, super busy, submitting for permitting, heard responses from IDEM, still working with Berne/Decatur, some of IDEM staff is operating from home so it is working differently, asked to send electronically, never before has anyone asked for PDF of plans. Expecting permits in September.
  - Mark Burry and Barry Scherer have been out trying to get the critical easements, lift station spots and main line. Might have a better update next month.
  - Bid time – Review Work anticipated this month indicate those dates on the minutes.
- Next scheduled meeting date is the 11<sup>th</sup> can it be the 10<sup>th</sup>?
  - Barry Scherer – should have bids and money in hand.
  - Pre-bid meeting scheduled for 8/24/20, we have more than 10 plan holders on every contract, 10 bonafide conceivable bidders. People are looking for winter work, thinks we will get good numbers. Project is similar to the Bobo job.
  - Was hoping for new, but nothing on the funding.
  - SRF asked for extremely detailed info about how fast we could go. Baker Tilly penned a letter with a closing time/closing date to Qrt 2. Readiness is the name of the game.
  - Mark Burry – Do you know if Baker Tilly copied it to Randy? (Ben Adams and Barry Scherer replied, yes, they think so.)
  - Ben Adams - Finance committee did meet so there are some action items but without knowing the money, they can't do much.
  - Ben Adams – Indot is replacing bridge over Holthouse ditch on 224 in 2022, since INDOT is acquiring ROW that will be two less.
  - Ben Adams – Mentions that we are expecting to receive later next week. Some changes, re the treatment agreements and he anticipates reviewing the Berne agreement.
  - Mark Burry spoke to Dave Baumgartner, need to have a meeting.

#### DISTRICT ATTORNEY REPORT

- Mark Burry – covered easements already, might need to have Miller update a description to acquire by deed, working with Dave to get Berne Agreement.
- Promissory notes need signed with the correct conditions in the note.

Meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> agreed upon

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

MOTION TO ADJOURN SHANNON SMITLEY 2<sup>ND</sup> JOHN CARROLL. MOTION APPROVED 7-0.

Minutes approved by:

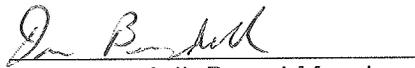
  
Shannon Smitley, Chairman

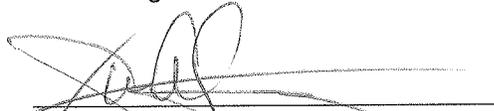
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