

# Bowerston Village Council

Regular Meeting Tuesday, July 16, 2024

Village Officials Attendance: Council: Jon Humphrey, Karen Donovan, Polly Wolfe, Julie Bryant, Chase Bryant. Other Officials: Paula Beamer, Janeen Scott, Jeremiah Warner, James J Ong, Jacquie Humphrey

Visitors: No visitors

Pledge

Approval of regular June minutes, Julie made motion to approve, Chase seconded, unanimous.

Motion to pay bills, as presented, Julie made motion to approve, Chase seconded, unanimous by roll call vote

Motion to accept financial report, Julie made motion to approve, Chase seconded, unanimous by roll call vote

Mayor's Report:

1. Reminder, Mayor and Council are NOT law enforcement. Residents should contact the Harrison County Sheriff for traffic or conflict issues.
2. Employees participated in a contingency plan exercise for EPA documentation. Paula reported that a lot was learned in the four exercises that she, Bart, Noah and Jeremiah performed.
3. Approval of Mayor's report, attached, Polly made motion, Karen seconded, unanimous.

Village Administrator's Report:

1. Attached. Karen made motion to approve, Julie seconded, unanimous.
2. Bart noted that the paving by Gateway Park should be started tomorrow. Paula noted that there is a new solar stop sign at the intersection of SR151 and SR212, Bart got this at no cost to the Village.

Utility Clerk's Report:

1. Janeen updated Council on monthly utility billing. Julie made motion to approve Janeen's report, Polly seconded, unanimous.

Income Tax Administrator's Report:

1. Janeen reported that we are approximately \$6K over collections from last quarter.
2. Janeen reported that she has been reconciling the utility bills with income tax filings and so far has come up with an excess of 100 non-filers. Ong offered to

issue a letter, allowing an allotted time for filing, to these residents. Janeen will supply the list and addresses.

3. Julie made motion to approve Janeen's report, Jon seconded, unanimous.
4. Janeen reported that there is a billing with a reading of in excess 500K Gallons, the bill be \$23,004.00, she will be sending the bill out tomorrow.

#### Fiscal Officer's Report:

1. Super Blanket 76-2024, \$10,000.00 for water utility operating expenses, additional appropriation approved at June meeting. Julie made motion to approve, Chase seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.

#### Solicitor's Report:

1. Leesville Fire Hydrant update, JJ will contact the insurance company because this check was to have been issued months ago.
2. Easement update, JJ is scheduling 2 separate times to be available, in the Village, for the last of the people to sign. He will write up letters and asked Bart to deliver.
3. Status of sale of school property, JJ reported that a survey was needed, the school has to pay for it, this is moving forward.
4. Status of transfer of properties from County, JJ reported that he has notified the Harrison County Court that the Village is interested in the 2 properties that have been offered. These properties do not have to go through the normal bidding process. Paula reported that there are persons interested in both properties. JJ advised that this will take about 2 months.
5. JJ reported that he has been given information on the re-leasing of village property to oil & gas leases and will look into.
6. JJ reported that Sherrodsville is now very interested in purchasing water from Bowerston, more to come at a later date.
7. JJ said he has completed the contracts, to his satisfaction, with Quicksall, and that Paula has signed them.
8. Karen made motion to accept Solicitor's report, Julie seconded, unanimous.

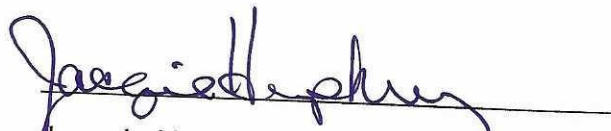
#### Old Business:


1. Paula reported that she had been contacted by a resident, who has had the Health Department come to look at a neighboring property and that the Health Department has determined that it is not an issue. JJ advised that there is very little that can be done if the HD doesn't feel it's an issue
2. Paula reported that the leak detection equipment has been ordered and training will be done upon its arrival.

#### New Business:

1. None

Adjournment: Julie made motion to adjourn, Chase seconded, unanimous. 6:26

  
Jacquie Humphrey, Fiscal Officer

  
Paula Beamer, Mayor