

Special

Village of Hamersville
Village Council Meeting

16 Oct 2025

The Council of the Village of Hamersville met in emergency session at the Village Municipal Building. Members present were Beverly Coomer, Dale Owsley, Charles Elliot, Jerry Seibert, Eid Edaili. Also present were Mayor Justin Jones, Guy Sutton Village Administrator.

Louie Luttrell Village Employee

Meeting began at 7:10 Pm and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Justin: Read the estimate and the scope of work.

Guy: Louie can describe better. We have the potential for a catastrophic power failure. Frontier will replace a couple of the poles at the end of town but the poles by the administration building we cannot prove ownership. Frontier owns the poles which was bought out by GTE. But we cannot wait on this as this would take litigation and time which we do not have. By the time we take the time and spend the money to have them admit it's their poles we may as well complete the job, so our power is stable and safer.

Jerry: I say that's what we do then. We will have to get the job done for safety reasons and then upon completion we will get David Grimes the solicitor to litigate and see if we can get compensation for the expenses.

Guy: That's what we will have to do.

Louie: I agree but one of the poles is broke at the ground, so time is of the essence. Three poles two are shot on this end of town. One on the other end.

Justin: These could fall and hurt somebody

Louie: if they fall the whole town will be out of power.

Jerry: You follow me if we fix them, we will litigate later. We could recoup some cost of fixing these.

Bev: Frontier owns these.

Guy: They bought all of the poles when GTE went bankrupt. GTE says they were their poles. Frontier bought all their assets, but they were not entered into their pole inventory because

they did not have anything hanging on the poles at the time. So, they are denying ownership based off this. So that's a fiasco that cannot be fixed in a week or two.

Eid: Is it just these poles we cannot determine.

Guy: Two poles so around \$1800. They were going to furnish two poles.

Justin: They would markup all of these poles.

Eid: Are the poles included in the estimate?

Bev: Are any of these estimates included the poles as well.

Louie: The one for \$75k does include the poles in the price. But they want an extra \$10k for poles.

Bev: How many poles will be replaced within the village limits total.

Louie: We will replace three and frontier will replace the other two on the other end of town.

Eid: The approval we had at the last council meeting. Was that not to include this. We approved \$25 to buy.

Jerry: That was to buy the safety equipment and the poles. We don't have poles, and we don't have safety equipment.

Justin: We are going to need this anyway.

Eid: We are keeping that as is either way. I thought that was as if we were replacing this stuff ourselves.

Louie: No that had nothing to do with replacing all of this. We bought 35 foot poles we need 40 foot poles we have none.

Eid: We needed this so we have something to work with.

Guy: The freight charge is the same whether you buy one pole or five poles.

Justin: There is one by my house that the spectrum guy won't even climb.

Louie: that was for the safety equipment and not the poles.

Eid: We were going to do this, and someone was going to help you do this.

Louie: We would have to order 40ft poles.

Bev: what kind of poles do we have?

Louie: 35ft poles we need 40ft poles. I thought the transformer and poles were to replace in the event of storm damage.

Justin: I was under the assumption one project was at the west end of town and the other was the east end of town.

Louie: Those supplies are for storm damage.

Guy: We are down to nothing as far as supplies go.

Justin: When we did a walk through, we have a few transformers but not enough if we have a major issue.

Louie: I still don't have a price on the transformers.

Bev: The poles and everything were \$20K worth. And this project will be over \$40K.

Louie: If you don't spend this now you will spend three times as much if a pole comes down.

Guy: Where did you come up with \$40K?

Eid: The last meeting was \$20K

Bev: Its going to be around \$44K

Guy: this project will be under \$25

Bev: It's still a total of \$40some thousand.

Justin: But it is possible we could get them to pay some of that.

Guy: But what are you going to do? Bev continues

Bev: I'm not actually going to do anything. I'm just mentioning this is \$40 some thousand coming out of the electrical account.

Eid: her statement is accurate both projects will cost us more than \$45

Justin: Combined

Eid: Yes combined.

Louie: this money if for the materials.

Eid: Bev is just stating this is allot of money.

Louie: Yes, it is allot but if the poles go down in the middle of the night.

Dale: The other question is this done hot?

Eid: If we were to do this ourselves how much would it cost.

Louie: To do this myself it would take six to eight weeks because I would have to do this over the weekends. They will do all of them in five days.

Guy: How much for him to help you?

Louie: \$200 an hour.

Bev: Are these licensed electricians. There is no one in Georgetown and no one in Bethel licensed.

Justin: You'd be amazed plumbing is the same way. It's crazy.

Guy: This contractor has a break right now where they can bring in a crew and get it done. If they must come in during the winter when there is ice on the lines. This estimate would change for obvious reasons.

Justin: Let's say when this is said and done. What meat would be on the bone for that company, Frontier or whoever. Could we produce the receipt to see what we could get.

Guy: The cost of the three poles.

Justin: How does a company go about washing their hands of a pole. How does that work?

Guy: They were not supposed to do that, that was their contract with GTE. It was an asset only sale. Those poles were the asset of GTE. But because they never used these specific poles and never had any lines hanging from them. Their pole numbers are not in the state database. The only way we know is that GTE still has an office. Louie spoke with them confirming ownership.

Deb: My other question is at the last meeting the pole down my Angela Marlow's you said belonged to spectrum because they had a generator hooked up to it.

Louie: Spectrum does not own a pole in town.

Guy: Well, I assumed it belonged to spectrum just because they had a generator hooked up to it. But they do not own that pole as we found out.

Justin: What do you think Chuck?

Louie: The other thing is I am required to be here. This is their requirement. I have spoken to my boss, and he is allowing me to take the week off. All three companies require me to be here because we are using our stuff. Not our equipment but our materials.

Justin: When was the last pole project?

Louie: One and a half years.

Justin: Before that.

Louie: The tornado before that.

Jerry: Are you going to need ground people.

Louie: They provide all that I am there to get supplies and anything they need.

Guy: We are proving traffic control. That will save \$7500 but it should only be around \$2k for that.

Chuck: how about emergency calls can they handle that?

Guy: Yes, they can handle all of that.

Louie: We will do one a day. So, one house may be out. Depends upon how many are on the poles.

Guy: He has a hole in his schedule so we could do this before Halloween.

Justin: What do you think Dale?

Dale: All good.

Bev: Just for future before the last meeting. Guy mentioned different voltages of transformers.

Louie: We did not know this was an issue until I was trimming trees. I found the coating was coming off some of these wires. I pulled the wire to try and take the slack out of the wire but when I did this the pole began to crack.

Eid: Motions Chuck 2nds

To give Guy the administrator authorization to sign the work order on this deal. Up to \$25000 for Pack Power for this project and within the same motion to authorize the \$7500 for traffic control.

Dale Y, Jerry Y, Bev Y

Louie: We will start on Monday and be done Friday.

Eid: It's in the minutes we may have up to two hours of a power outage.

Bev: We don't have to do anything West of Town.

Louie: We must move the wires, and they will do the poles.

Bev: Is frontier charging us for this?

Guy: No. I have the estimates with me.

Jerry: Should we include the estimates, and I can include this in the minutes.

Guy: I can make a copy for everyone.

Jerry: No need for that send me a copy we just need to have those for the ORC calling for estimates for work over \$1000 or more.

Bev: Who owns the poles on Wooster.

Louie: Duke owns the poles on Wooster.

Jerry: Louie, I have one question. You said this down on the West end. If we go through litigation we could save the cost of poles that's it? What is the cost of the pole.

Louie: \$661

Justin: That's not including shipping.

Louie: Sorry, that's for a 30ft pole. And that's not the set fee.

Jerry: I'm asking because if the pole is only 900, would it be worth going after them for the cost. What would the cost be to set one.

Louie: You could set one in a couple of hours. But that's not setting live voltage. They are charging a thousand a pole and a thousand to set them.

Eid Motions to adjourn Chuck 2nds.

Rest of page intentionally left blank. Included is scope of work as presented by Guy Sutton Village Administrator. List of estimates to be included with minutes when provided.

Light Pole and wire transfer of high voltage lines

Three Bids

1. CW Services 75,321.60
2. Task Energy 30,000.00

- * 3. Pack Power Services Inc. 23,614.57

We must supply the poles.

We can deduct 7,500. From the bill if we supply traffic control. After our labor expense that should save approximately 5,000.

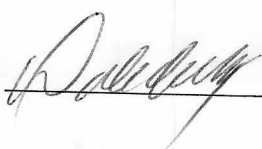
We will probably have 2,000. In mis. expense on top replacing outdated parts.

Request Council vote to

- A. Approve the overall expense not to exceed 25,000.
- B. Give me as Administrator authorization to sign the deal.

Benefits

1. Stop a catastrophic power failure this winter.
2. Lowest cost now because contractor is between big jobs
3. Opportunity to streamline the electric service, at the east end of town eliminating some unneeded wiring.
4. The wire replaced should last 20 or more years.
5. Power to the consumer at individual homes should only be out for less than 4 hours. versus if the system fails it could be days for a substantial amount of the Village.

Cheryl Toppin _____ Not Present _____ Dale Owsley 

Bev Coomer

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Jerry Seibert

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Charles Elliot

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