

VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE
REGULAR MEETING/SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL MEETING/BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
MARCH 7, 1994 - 7:00 P.M.

Present: Martha Hanes, Jim Johnston, Jesse Nester, Duane Neu, Wyndal Staggs, Mayor Steve Bowyer, Clerk-Treasurer Barbara J. Craig.

Councilman William Dean Jr., and Solicitor George Leicht entered during the meeting.

BPA Present: William Dean, Sr., Mack Hanes, Edward Martin.

Also Present: Chief James Canter, Eunice Ott, Brown County Press, Roger Adkins, Charles Tucker, Bob Brown of W.M. Lewis & Associates, and Mr. Bruce Brandstetter of Brandstetter and Carroll, Engineering.

Mayor Bowyer called the meeting to order, and asked if there were any comments or additions to the minutes of the February 7 meeting. Neu moved to accept the minutes as presented. Nester seconded the motion. **VOTING: YEA: Neu, Nester, Dean, Hanes, Johnston, Staggs. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

The list of bills were presented for payment. Hanes made the motion to accept the list of bills as presented. Neu seconded the motion. **VOTING: YEA: Hanes, Neu, Dean, Johnston, Nester, Staggs. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Bowyer explained to Council and BPA that Mr. Bob Brown, of the consulting firm of W.M. Lewis & Associates, was asked to attend the meeting. Mayor Bowyer then turned the meeting over to Mr. Bob Brown. Mr. Brown explained to the Board and to Council that his firm would be able to determine whether or not it would be more feasible for the Board to keep and maintain the electric system or to sell it. Mr. Brown continued that his firm would also be able to tell BPA if the offer CG&E may make would be a reasonable offer. Mr. Brown said that CG&E would probably want to purchase the system at a depreciated value.

Councilman Johnston said he was concerned whether the transformers currently being used were "safe" as far as PCV oil, etc. BPA member Dean replied that it is not an operational problem. Mr. Brown commented that if we have transformers older than mid '70's, we would need to replace them.

Mayor Bowyer commented that Council did not want Village residents to pay higher rates than other CG&E customers.

Councilman Johnston said CG&E had been approached to see if they were interested

in purchasing our system, and if offer was reasonable, the sale could help offset the costs of sewer facilities.

Mr. Brown said it would take his firm approximately 11 days to do the study. This could consist of 1-2 days in the field, (with electrician), 4 days in the office (with collector, and 5 days of writing report and getting back to BPA and to Council. Mr. Brown said this study would cost approximately \$2,500.00. Mr. Brown continued that his firm could also look at current rates and tell BPA what rates should be in order to maintain and repair system.

BPA members were in agreement that it was a good idea to get an impersonal look by an outsider.

Solicitor Leicht said that he was concerned that the Village may not get a reasonable offer from CG&E and that it was per his suggestion that Council and BPA hire a consulting firm before selling the system. Solicitor Leicht added that the Bethel BPA has utilized W.M. Lewis & Associates in the past and has been well satisfied with their service.

BPA members were in agreement to hire W.M. Lewis & Associates to do a study of the village electric system. Dean moved, Hanes seconded the motion to suspend the rules and read by Title Only BPA 1994-1 Resolution hiring W.M. Lewis & Associates. **VOTING: YEA: Dean, Hanes, Martin. NAY: None MOTION CARRIED.**

Dean moved, Hanes seconded the motion to adopt BPA Resolution 1994-1, hiring W.M. Lewis & Associates. **VOTING: YEA: Dean, Hanes, Martin. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Brown thanked BPA and Council for their time and left the meeting.

BPA President informed Council that their bid for the electric truck was not accepted by Bethel.

BPA member Wm. Dean, Sr. presented to Council the hourly increase for BPA employees. The increase was 5% for Electrician and helper and meter reader, and 11% increase for collector, effective February 1, 1994. Also included in BPA's proposal was an increase in mileage reimbursement from \$.20 cents to \$.27 cents per mile.

Neu moved to accept BPA's proposal of rate increase. Hanes seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Councilman Staggs said it was not right for employee to get \$1.00 per hour increase and the police officers to only get \$.25 cents per hour increase. Discussion continued on increase. Mayor Bowyer called for a vote. Solicitor Leicht said it was not necessary for Council to vote on BPA's proposal, that BPA should proceed with Resolution, via suspend the rules, etc.

Dean moved, Hanes seconded the motion to suspend the rules and read be Title Only BPA 1994-2 resolution to increase wages. **VOTING:** YEA: Dean, Hanes, Martin. NAY: None **MOTION CARRIED.**

Dean moved, Hanes seconded the motion to adopt BPA 1994-2 Resolution increasing wages effective February 1, 1994. **VOTING:** YEA: Dean, Hanes, Martin. NAY: None. **MOTION CARRIED.** Resolution adopted.

Electrician.....	\$21.00 per hour
Electrician helper.....	\$7.75 per hour
Collector.....	\$5.25 per hour
Meter Reader.....	\$7.75 per hour

At this point, Mayor Bowyer turned the meeting over to Bruce Brandstetter of Brandstetter & Carroll for an update on progress of sewers. Mr.. Brandstetter said their firm was still working on the most economic way to provide sewers for the residents of the Village. Council discussed possibility of allowing residents close to corporation line availability to hook-up to sewers.

Right now it appears that pumping to Georgetown will help keep costs down. Georgetown seems more than willing to allow Hamersville to tap into them at reasonable cost. We need to convince EPA that Georgetown can treat it. Mr. Brandstetter continued that if Hamersville is going to contribute to their physical plant we should have some say in growth allowance.

Mr. Brandstetter suggested getting a draft report going to EPA and FmHA. Council was in agreement for Bruce to proceed with draft report to EPA and FmHA.

Neu moved, Hanes seconded the emotion to read by Title Only 1994-5 a Resolution authorizing the mayor to apply for CBDG Fund for sewers. **VOTING:** YEA: Neu, Hanes, Dean, Johnston, Nester, Staggs. NAY: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Johnston moved to adopt 1994-5 authorizing Mayor to apply for CBDG funds. Neu seconded the motion. **VOTING:** YEA: Johnston, Neu, Dean, Hanes, Nester, Staggs. NAY: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Charles Tucker, resident addressed Council. Mr. Tucker said his concern was the deteriorating streets in the Village.

Mayor Bowyer asked the street committee to respond to Mr. Tucker. Street Committee members Johnston and Staggs said they were aware of the problems and as soon as a street maintenance person is hired, progress will be made on repairs.

Mr. Tucker question whether or not Village could hire a contractor to repair streets.

Mayor Bowyer told Mr. Tucker that our application for Issue 2 money to resurface some streets had been denied.

BPA member Dean suggested that one problem is that ditches are not being cleaned out. Mr. Tucker thanked Council for their time and left the meeting.

Mayor Bowyer said regarding Old Business we can only have insurance on our own vehicles, thus, so we cannot carry liability insurance for contract snow removal; suggested putting security for Village office on hold for now; and that assistance is needed in putting up garage doors.

Since Darwin Emmrett's letter was returned, Johnston moved not to hire him as a Village Police Officer. Dean seconded the motion. **VOTING: YEA: Johnston, Dean, Hanes, Neu, Nester, Staggs. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

BPA President Mack Hanes is working on getting more quotes on village office doors.

Hanes moved, Neu seconded the motion to suspend the rules and read by Title Only Resolution 1994-3 — a Resolution for Election on Tax Levy Exceeding Ten-Mill Limitation. **VOTING: YEA: Hanes, Neu, Dean, Johnston, Nester, Staggs. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion followed.

Hanes moved to adopt Resolution 1994-3 a Resolution for election on Tax Levy Exceeding Ten Mill Limitation. Neu seconded the motion. **VOTING: YEA: Hanes, Neu, Dean, Johnston, Nester, Staggs. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

Councilman Johnston informed Council that the Street Committee had met and had interviewed four applicants for Street Commissioner. The Street Committee was in complete agreement to recommend Mr. Kenny D. Green. Councilman Johnston checked previous employer and they considered him a valued employee.

Discussion followed regarding Street Commissioner's schedule of hours. He would work 100 hours per month, April - September and 50 hours a month, October - March, if needed, except in an emergency. The Mayor has the authority to schedule additional hours.

Hanes moved to hire Kenny D. Green as general maintenance individual at \$5.00 per hour provided he has a valid driver's license. and proof of insurance. Neu seconded the motion. **VOTING: YEA: Hanes, Neu, Dean, Johnston, Nester, Staggs. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

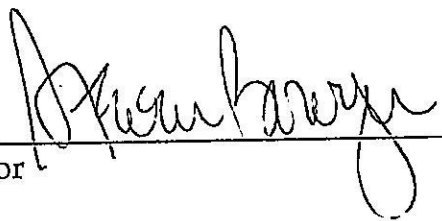
Hanes moved to go into executive session. Dean seconded the motion. **VOTING: YEA: Hanes, Dean, Johnston, Nester, Neu, Staggs.**

Hanes moved to come out of executive session. Dean seconded the motion.
VOTING: YEA: Hanes, Dean, Johnston, Nester, Neu, Staggs.

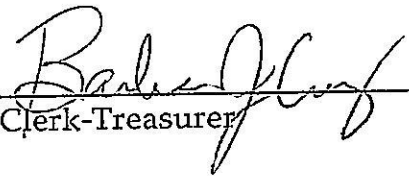
Johnston moved to suspend the rules and read by Title Only Resolution 1994- 4 Resolution for appropriations for 1994. Neu seconded the motion. **VOTING:** YEA: Johnston, Neu, Dean, Hanes, Nester, Staggs. NAY: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Johnston moved to adopt Resolution 1994-4 Resolution for appropriations for 1994. Neu seconded the motion. **VOTING:** YEA: Johnston, Neu, Dean, Hanes, Nester, Staggs. NAY: None **MOTION CARRIED.**

There being no further business, Mayor Bowyer adjourned the meeting.



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer