

Village of Hamersville
Village Council Meeting
11 Sep 2024

The Council of the Village of Hamersville met in regular session at the Village Municipal Building on September 11, 2024 at 7PM. Members present were Beverly Coomer, Dale Owsley, Jerry Seibert, Eid Edaili Mel absent. Also present were Mayor Justin Jones, Police Chief/Village Administrator Guy Sutton, Travis Stone Police Officer. Tim Saylor Village employee, David Grimes Village Solicitor.

Residents; Angela Marlow Charlene Priscilla

Meeting was called to order with the pledge at 7:09PM

Justin: Already checked with Mr. Grimes and we still do not have a copy of the Brown Country Rural Water Contract.

A brief discussion ensued inquiring about drilling our own wells for water.

Guy: It costs about \$26,000 to drill a water well.

Dale: How much would it cost for a sewer plant?

Guy: That would be in the millions of dollars. And the EPA does not want to have a single sewer plant. We would be required to be on a shared system to qualify for any grant money. The purpose of a shared system is so that in the event Mt. Orab, goes down for instance. We would be able to help process some of their sewage. And the other overflow would be on the others in the shared system. Shared systems help alleviate any damage to the climate by having too much sewage and not enough processing capacity. A non-shared system is not denied but the issue would be getting any grant funding for a non-shared system would be all but impossible. The other issue we would have been we could get monetary help, but this requires matching funds which would require millions of dollars that we as a village just do not have. An expandable modular sewer plan system's new construction would cost around 3-3.5 million dollars.

Bev: We waited too long. We should have been informed of this months ago. The fact that we are now faced with this is disappointing. We could have contacted other villages to determine their cost, and we could make a comparison.

Guy: The rep from BCRW called last Tuesday and set a meeting for Thursday.

Bev: So, you didn't know about this?

Guy: No

Bev: I would like to ask you as a town administrator what other contracts does the village have?

Guy: We just went into a new deal with Rumpke.

Bev: Who else do we have contracts with?

Guy: Mt. Orab and it's year to year.

Bev: I want the public to know, as council members, Mayor, Village we do not have any choice. We must get our water from BCRW.

Guy: This was brought up at a previous council meeting.

Justin: I mean as a county level or even state.

Priscilla: Maybe if we can get more time because of short notice.

Bev: I thought of that too, but it really was not short notice. We as council members should have known our 20-year contract was ending.

Angela: You did not include the new rates.

Eid: It has not taken effect yet.

Angela: We might think about turning this over to the Ohio Consumer Council.

Guy: BCRW 26 dollars for the first 2 thousand gallons and ten dollars for each additional thousand after that. BCRW wants the contract signed and sent by December.

Bev: Mr. Grimes, can we declare an emergency?

Mr. Grimes: How does this compare with other rates?

Guy: They increased the percentage of this bill by 79%.

Justin: The next meeting will be Sept 16th.

Guy: AEP Contract the grid price will go up by 30%.

Village will pay 100 to 120 thousand per year with the proposed increases in rates. Also, Mt. Orab will not increase sewer rates this year.

Angela: Have we investigated breaking down the cost by item?

Tim: It costs thirty-three thousand dollars per year to replace what we need to replace.

Justin: How much is it per pump?

Tim: \$3,106 per pump. On one order we saved \$5,000 because we ordered multiple pumps at one time. We save on commercial goods by buying in bulk. We save on cost per unit but what we really save is shipping.

Justin: So, just by doing a couple of trivial things differently we have saved so much money.

Angela: What is our percentage of profit?

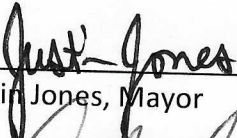
Justin: Until we started making these changes we were in bad shape.

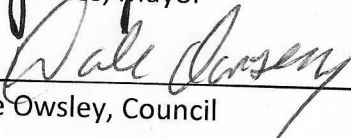
Angela: Lake Waynoka tap fee is \$14,500 our tap fee is \$8,000

Tim: We are losing money on \$8,000 and this is something I have brought up that we need to change.

Bev: We as a council give our condolences to the family of Jared Cornett

Bev Motioned to adjourn. All in favor

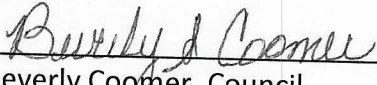

Justin Jones, Mayor

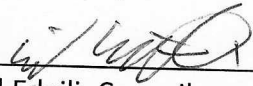

Dale Owsley, Council

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Don Wilson, Council


Beverly Coomer, Council


Eid Edaili, Council

Jayme Eldridge, Fiscal Officer