

VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE
Special Meeting/Regular Meeting
BOARD of PUBLIC AFFAIRS and VILLAGE COUNCIL
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 7th 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 and 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 Council that his firm would be able to determine whether or not it would be more feasible to 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 them would be a reasonable offer. Mr. Brown said that CG&E would probably want to purchase the system at depreciated value.

Councilman Johnston said he was concerned whether the transformers currently being used were "safe" as far as PCV oil, etc. Mr. Brown replied that if we have transformers older than mid 70's, we 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 study. This could consist of 1 - 2 days in the field, (with electrician), 4 days in the office, (with collector) and 5 days writing report and getting back to BPA and Council. Mr. Brown said this study would cost approximately \$2500.00.

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 and 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 and Associates.

VOTING: YEA: Dean, Hanes, Martin. NAY: None **MOTION CARRIED.**

Dean moved Hanes seconded the motion to adopt BPA 1994-1 Resolution 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 their bid for the electric truck was not accepted by Bethel.

BPA member Wm. Dean, Sr. presented to Council raise increase for BPA employees. The increase was five percent for Electric and helper, meter reader, and eleven percent 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 by 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. **VOTING:** YEA: Dean, Hanes, Martin. Resolution adopted.

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


President


Clerk-Treasurer