

Minutes for Tuesday, February 7, 2017

Mr. Love moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam, Ohio, that to provide for the unanticipated revenues for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017, the following sums be and the same are hereby appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

Fund 035, Solid Waste District Disposal Fees

35 EQ, Equipment.....\$ 21,648.05

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent Mr. Love yes
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Mr. Love moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, The Village of Ottawa has increased their rates for 2017 from \$8.26 per hundred cubic feet to \$8.67 per hundred cubic feet (7% increase) and the Board of County Commissioners deems it necessary to adjust the rates to accommodate the increase.

now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby set the monthly fees for Sewer District No. 1 as follows:

Residences outside village boundaries.....\$89.88 per month (was \$85.60)

Residences inside village boundaries.....\$30.00 per month (was \$31.00)

and be it further

RESOLVED, Said increase is for service effective February 1, 2017 for January 2017 billing.

and be it further

RESOLVED, The Board agrees to continue to invoice the residents on a monthly basis. Invoices will be mailed approximately the 15th of each month, and a penalty of ten percent (10%) will be assessed if the previous billed amount is not paid by the first of the following month billed.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent Mr. Love yes
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Mr. Schroeder moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners currently charges Sewer District No. 2 residences as follows:

Residences outside village boundaries.....\$120.40 per month

and

WHEREAS, The Village of Ottawa has increase their rates for 2017 from \$8.26 per hundred cubic feet to \$8.67 per hundred cubic feet (5% increase) however the Board of County Commissioners deems it necessary to decrease the rate due to the account steadily having a positive balance and are removing the debt recovery charge

now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners of Putnam Ohio does hereby agree that the monthly fees for Sewer District No. 2 will increase to \$113.11 per month

and be it further

RESOLVED, The Board will still continue to invoice the residents on a monthly basis. Invoices will be mailed approximately the 15th of each month, and a penalty of ten percent (10%) will be assessed if the previous billed amount is not paid by the first of the following month billed.

Mr. Love seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent Mr. Love yes
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Mr. Love moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Residences of Pohl Road are currently charged \$88.72 per month for sewer usage.

and

WHEREAS, The Village of Ottawa has increased their sewer operations from \$5.91 per hundred cubic feet to \$6.32 per hundred cubic feet and the Board of County Commissioners deems it necessary to adjust the rates to accommodate the increase. However, due to how the village did their billing last year, this year the monthly amount will actually be a slight decrease now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby agree that the monthly fees for the Pohl Road will decrease to \$87.31 per month and be it further

RESOLVED, Said decrease is for service effective February 1, 2017 for January 2017 billing. and be it further

RESOLVED, The Board agrees to continue to invoice the residents on a monthly basis. Invoices will be mailed approximately the 15th of each month, and a penalty of ten percent (10%) will be assessed if the previous billed amount is not paid by the first of the following month billed.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion
Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent Mr. Love yes
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Mr. Love moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Officials of the Village of Ottawa have informed the Board of County Commissioners of the rates for 2017 for water customers. now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners does hereby accept and approve the following water and sewer rates which will be charged residents billed by the Board of County Commissioners:

Water

Water Operations.....\$ 6.63 per hundred cubic foot
Water Debt & Capital.....\$.22 per hundred cubic foot
Total water rate.....\$6.85 per hundred cubic foot (5% increase)

and be it further

RESOLVED, Said rates become effective February 1, 2017 for January 2017 billing.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent Mr. Love yes
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Mr. Love moved to approve the contracts for the waterline improvements at the Fairgrounds with Hohenbrink Excavating LLC.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent Mr. Love yes
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Now and Then Purchase Orders.....

Board of D/D..... purchase orders 33768, 33769

Sheriff.....purchase order 33727

County.....purchase order 33790

EMS.....purchase order 2879

Mr. Love moved to approve the now and then purchase orders

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent Mr. Love yes
Exceptions: Mr. Lammers Mr. Schroeder none Mr. Love none
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Purchase orders and Travel Requests.....

Sheriff.....Travel request for Randy Weller to attend Shotgun Instructor Training in London OH, March 19-23, 2017 with purchase order for registration, lodging and meals for \$1,050.00. Corrected travel request for Chris Slick to attend Subject Control Instructor Training in London, OH February 5- 17, 2017 with expense for registration, meals and lodging for \$1300.00.

County.....Travel request for Jack Betscher to attend the CCAO Legislative update in Lima on February 16, 2017 no expenses listed. Purchase order to Glandorf Lumber for Panic hardware for door for \$250.00. Purchase order to County Loss Control Coordinators Association for 2017 membership for \$160.00.

Solid Waste Dist Disp Fees.....Purchase order to Northwest Tractor for 2017 John Deere 320 E Skid Steer Loader for \$31,648.05.

Job & Family.....Travel request for Carolyn Cogley to attend the Ohio Council on Welfare Fraud Conference on March 30-31, 2017 with expenses for mileage and lodging of \$341.20.

Mr. Love moved to approve the purchase orders and travels requests.

Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion

Vote: Mr. Schroeder yes Mr. Lammers absent Mr. Love yes

Exceptions: Mr. Lammers Mr. Love none Mr. Schroeder none

Commissioner Love called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Commissioner Schroeder.

Commissioner Lammers is attending the CCAO new member conference in Columbus.

Commissioners Schroeder and Love attended the Elected Officials meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the lunch room.

The business agenda was held at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Schroeder and Love; Cindy Landwehr, Clerk; Jack Betscher, Administrator and Nancy Kline, Putnam County Sentinel.

Commissioners Love and Schroeder adjourned for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Commissioner Love returned from lunch at 1:08 p.m.

Commissioner Schroeder returned from lunch at 1:19 p.m.

Craig Fenstermaker and his father (Hancock Co Trustee), Charles Wannemacher, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Meyer, residents of Sewer Dist #2 and Mike Lenhart, Engineer met with Commissioners Schroeder and Love and Jack Betscher at 3:30 p.m. to discuss the drainage issue along North 65. Mike opened by saying this is a private landowner drainage issue. Mike explained the ditch petition process, viewing and the hearings which would be used in this case. Mike explained that all the landowners within the watershed would be included, the Village and ODOT would also be included. It was asked if there are people that do not care what would happen. The Commissioners would have the final decision on what to do based on how many people are affected. If the project goes forward and is justified then it would be bid out and a contractor would be chosen. The landowners are concerned about fixing this, if they would be accepted for annexation. There is another option of a private drainage solution, getting all of the homeowners together and agreeing on the project. The Village would have to be in agreement to accept the drainage water if the area is annexed. The pricing would be based on most benefit. Mike said they would have to see the whole area to see who would benefit more, this is a small watershed. The Village has to agree to accept any drainage problems. If there are people within the Village and are within this watershed they would also be assessed for the costs for this project. The Village may absorb the costs for the people located within the Village, that would have to be determined by the Village. Shady Lane areas also drains to this area. If a cross over would be allowed under the road (Shady Lane) this drainage could be corrected. The water wants to flow to the creek to the North. Commissioner Love talked to the Village and was told that Matt Cunningham is working on an annexation for this area. The residents are getting hammered with the sewer bills. The petition never reached the Commissioners. The annexation will not fix the drainage. The drainage fix will improve the property values. It was asked why the rates for this sewer district are so much higher than the rest of the country. There is a meter that shows usage but the Village does not charge according to it. The residents have paid for the sewer system and are willing to pay for the drainage correction and then the Village would be willing to accept for annexation. The Village residents do not have to pay the I & I (Infiltration &

Inflation) on this sewer line. Sewer Dist #2 residents want to know why the Village residents on the same line do not have to pay the same rate. The SD #2 residents know they are a cash cow for the Village of Ottawa. Craig asked if they go through with this petition how long would it take to get the work done. Mike Lenhart said there is now a waiting list for drainage projects. The Engineer's office will have to gather the information of who is included in this watershed and get all the addresses of landowners. The residents are inquiring about a petition for annexation. The Town Council would have to have the request presented to them. It was recommended to talk to Matt Cunningham regarding the annexation. The ditch petition process would set back their relief of paying the high sewer bills. The ditch petition process could be started. The petition process could also be started. Mike Lenhart recommended the landowners take pictures of the flooding on their properties. The SD #2 residents are concerned that there will be other residents that would be against the project. The Commissioners have the decision of the most benefit. A city can refuse to annex a property but the property cannot refuse to be annexed. The Village has been the hold up on this project for the past 10 years. The people attending today are in favor of filing the petition for the drainage correction. As long as these people are not annexed into the Village the Village will not help them with their drainage. Matt Cunningham would be a player in the process since he is also a landowner. Vince asked about defining the watershed and the properties that drain into the Village's tile, and if those properties have other means of drainage. Ottawa Township also said no to the crossover tile under the road. Mrs. Meyer left the meeting. The original proposal was an 18" tile from the village to drain this area. This size tile could drain 100 acres. The size of tile should be based on the amount of land that it is draining. If the tile is designed by an engineer then the Village should agree to annex. The resident's would like to have it in writing. It was unbelievable that there are state highways without drainage tiles. The State is required to provide drainage to the landowners. There is more than just private landowners involved in this. The residents were heading over to the Village office to start the petition process and to the Engineer's office to start the ditch petition.

Commissioner Schroeder moved to adjourn for the day at 4:30 p. m..

Commissioner Love seconded the motion.

Vote: Schroeder yes, Lammers absent, Love yes

Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes from Tuesday, February 7, 2017.

Mr. Lammers seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schroeder absent Mr. Lammers yes Mr. Love yes