

Vienna Utility Board
210 60th Street, Vienna, WV 26105
Regular Utility Board Session
Meeting location Vienna Utility Board
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June 24, 2022

Public Forum: No public forum at this meeting

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with the following present:

Randall Rapp, Steve Eaton, Kim Williams, Joseph Thorpe, and John Barr, Absent Attorney Russ Skogstad.

Also, present: Craig Metz Public Works Director, Lorrie Bond Stormwater Coordinator / Program Administrator, Mike Davis from Burgess & Niple.

Minutes from the May 19, 2022, Regular VUB Board Meeting were approved as posted.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Water Quality Testing** – Per Craig Metz, last results we received came back as Non – detects so everything looks good. Rapp wanted to add that the EPA has released what is called an HAL which is a health advisory level change, they don't have any basis at this point it is again just an advisory level. The advisory states that the PFOA and PFAS levels are being dropped dramatically. Rapp spoke to Andrew Harten this morning, our contact with Chemours, he is aware of this. The frustrating thing is the levels they have posted are not scientifically able to even be tested for. There is a draft that came out from the Water Quality Association, I think we should put this out to the public due to the items discussed being very informative, this is not going to go away. Rapp asked Andrew Harten when he spoke to him earlier if there was anyway to get results that we receive in an easier to read format for the public. When we look at the results we receive, we are aware that we have non – detectable levels in our water, we are giving the customer the best possible water that can be filtered and given out as potable drinking water. Rapp stated he does not deal in parts per billion or parts per trillion everyday and most people don't, so it is hard to understand what the results state when trying to look at them. Mr. Harten advised Mr. Rapp he would investigate seeing if there was a better way to post these so that everyone would understand what the standards are and what the results levels are in a better format. So hopefully we can come up with a format that will make it easier to understand and calm people's fears and place this information letter to the website. We are still waiting on direction from the EPA but just wanted to let the board know what the situation is at this time.
- B. ARP Discussion** - Per Chairman Rapp, City Council did agree at the last meeting to give the \$334,690 needed to upgrade the pumps at the sewer lift station, out of the ARP money. We have received the 2nd drop of ARP money in the amount of \$1.3 million from the federal government, so we have received all the money we will be receiving. Rapp was not aware how much of this money is left, we had already committed around \$900,000 so there should be approximately \$1.5 million left. We do have an item on agenda regarding 28th Street Storm Water Improvements, we have not asked council for that money yet, been a timing issue. Everyone knows it needs to be done, we can still go to council to ask for the money to do the study.
- C. 5 – Year Plan** – Per Chairman Rapp, are there any corrections, additions, or suggestions anyone would like to add to the 5 – year plan at this point? No suggestions, additions, or

comments from board on this. Rapp wanted to add that something has come up since our last meeting, there has been an additional funding stream for bridges. Per Mike Davis, this funding stream comes through the federal highways administration, but it is administered at the state level. What you do is apply for it, it can be a 100% grant, this applies to municipalities to go out and fund these bridges that normally could not be funded before. It is very competitive, you can submit your application, but it is not certain that you will receive it, so they are recommending that you have a matching fund you could put into it that will make you look better than just submitting application. It is a minimum of \$2.5 million to a maximum of \$10 million. Rapp added that we have had discussion in the past regarding the 17th Street and 27th Street bridges, this is the direction I would like to go with. It is not a water, sewer, or storm water issue so it does not come up to the utility board but under public works we would like to pursue this avenue. So, we will at least apply to get into this funding stream to see if we can get funds for these bridge projects.

- D. River Road Water Main – Project Update** – Per Craig Metz, the project is going well, they are up between 28th and 27th Streets. We have run into some issues, first was River Road at one time was a brick / cut stone foundation road so we had a hard time getting through that. When we got to 28th Street we ran into a mess of old gas lines, we found approximately 6 to 7 old 2” to 8” lines that are no longer in use, we were hoping the gas company would just remove them, it didn’t happen that way so that slowed the project up. We did find something interesting working on 28th Street, we located a 30” culvert and Metz advised he had never seen a culvert like this, it was a hand laid culvert with bricks and mortar, this was done back in 1918 and is still there. We did not tear it apart it is still there we just rerouted pipe and all went smooth. Everything else going well, still working with CSX regarding boring, we must give 30 days to come up and inspect and will let us know when we can start the boring. Metz said we do not have an estimated time on when this project will be completed, the gas lines have slowed us down, so we are trying to get through this issue and keep moving on.
- E. Burgess & Niple – 45th Place Water Main Replacement – Project Update** – Metz said he spoke with Lise Sibiky from Burgess & Niple, they are meeting next week at 45th Place The surveys are completed and are in attorney Russ Skogstad’s hands, we are just waiting for him to get the signed right of ways back from each resident. Lise and I will be walking the properties in the area, there are some questions on how we are going to run the water line from 3rd Avenue over to 45th Place. Rapp asked other than each residence how many other right of ways must we obtain, Metz advised just 1.
- F. Burgess & Niple – Water & Wastewater System Improvements Project** – Per Rapp, we have submitted all the paperwork to Michael Griffith, we are just waiting to hear back from him on any status.
- G. Burgess & Niple – Dredging of Pond Run and Dry Dams**– Per Metz, Lorrie and I had a meeting with Soil Conservation Society this past week, we took down to the channel location by the mall, we submitted all documentation to everyone in reference to the study done by Burgess & Niple and what needed to be done. They looked at that channel they could clearly see the silt build up, there was approx. 12 people in attendance at this meeting, including 2 contractors, they all seemed very excited about it, including Bob Buchanan who stated he had approximately \$800,000 in grant money, he stated he was going to be getting in touch with Shelly Moore Capito to see if we could not get more funding for this, he would like to see this project done at their cost. We also spoke to them regarding the Dry Dams and the mowing of the dam, and they would be offering assistance on this to us. We are hoping they will pay for this project in full, if not maybe we can look into a fund matching of some sort. But that is where we stand right now.
- H. Burgess & Niple – Task Order No. 2022 – 06 – 28th Street Storm Drainage Improvements, Preliminary Design Phases 1 through 3 and Final Design and Bidding of Phase 1 – and 28th Street Storm Drainage Improvement Technical Memorandum** – Per Rapp we cannot do an approval on this, we do not have a funding stream for it yet. This is

one of the things we are going to take to council to see if they will give us the money to fund the study. We do not have a source of funds to do this. Rapp apologized to Mike Davis for not being able to give him an answer on this yet, he will try to get on council agenda for the 1st meeting in July to see if this is something they will consider.

- I. **12th Street Lift Station Bid Results – Approval** – Bids were brought to council and the bid for \$334,690 from Precision Pumps and Valve Services, Inc. Council did approve the allocation of these funds for the 12th Street sewer lift stations pumps and new piping. Rapp called for the motion to approve the purchase of 3 new pumps plus piping for the 12th Street sewer lift station in the amount of \$334,690 from Precision Pumps and Valve Services, Inc.

Motion and Vote

Chairman Rapp called for the motion to approve the purchase of 3 new pumps plus piping for the 12th Street sewer lift station in the amount of \$334,690 from Precision Pumps and Valve Service, Inc. Motioned carried by Kim Williams was seconded by Steve Eaton. Vote carried in support unanimous 5-0.

New Business:

- A. **Discussion regarding lead & copper data collection** – Everyone in Vienna received a copy of our annual CCR Report and with the CCR report was a questionnaire in reference to lead & copper, we are asking for residence to let us know what type of lines you have in your home. Tommy and Joe in our department worked very hard on this, when we sent this out, we asked for residence to either do on – line or send us back the hard copy. We did not think we would get the response that we did back from people, we received approximately 500 done online and over 2,500 of these back either via mail or people dropping off in person, so we have had a great response to this. This will greatly help us with our lead and copper compliance with the EPA.

Manager's Report: Per Metz, everything going well, we did have some power outage issues. Kim Williams asked Metz for an update on the 51st & 8th Avenue bridge / culvert that we have been working on, Metz advised that the street collapsed in that area due to silt moving the culvert, therefore water started shooting under the road which caused a huge void, so we did an emergency repair, and it is completed. We dug the silt out put down riprap and put a slurry mix of concrete under it. Seems to be working great. Rapp added that we still have the home at 4705 8th Avenue, the home is vacant now and the old storage building at 12th Street all utilities have been turned off and we are ready to go on this location as well. I spoke with Amy Roberts about this today, we need to authorize putting the 8th Avenue home up for sale to salvage whatever materials can be saved, the 12th Street storage building only value is the steel. Amy is reaching out to GovDeals.com to see how the process works, once we have this information, we will have a special meeting regarding both properties along with another project that Metz has regarding bids for the Greenmont Hills storm water replacement project. Rapp asked all board members if Thursday July 7, 2022, at 1:00 PM to have special meeting for approval of 4705 8th Avenue, 12th Street Lift station storage building and the Greenmont Hills Storm Drain Project on this day. Everyone agreed so meeting will be scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 1:48 PM.

Next regular meeting – Friday July 15, 2022 @ 1:00 PM @ Vienna Utility Board located at 210 60th Street Vienna, WV 26105.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Bond