

VILLAGE OF KIRKERSVILLE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

July 26, 2022

OPENING: MR. DENTON CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT APPROX. 7:01 PM AND OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE.

ROLL CALL: MR. DENTON AND MRS. BROWN WERE PRESENT. ALSO PRESENT WERE MAYOR TERRY ASHCRAFT, AND BPA CLERK VICKI COE.

OPERATOR'S REPORT: MAYOR ASHCRAFT REPORTED THAT THE AUTOMATIC SAMPLERS SHOULD BE ARRIVING ANY DAY, THE EQ TANKS ARE BEING PUMPED, AND A NEW SCREEN PLATE IS BEING PUT IN. MAYOR ASHCRAFT SAID RANDY STOLL INFORMED HIM THEY WANT TO PUT A FLOW METER ON THE LIFT STATION AT THE SEWER PLANT AT A COST OF \$4500 FOR TWO MONTHS RENTAL. THE LIFT STATION IS LOCATED AT THE EAST SIDE OF TOWN.

MOTION BY MR. DENTON TO ALLOCATE \$4500 TO RENT THE FLOW METER FOR TWO MONTHS; SECOND BY MS. BROWN. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC POLL:

(1) JUDY CASTO, OWNER OF 103 TO 107 W. MAIN STREET, ASKED IF THE SEWER BILL WILL EVER GO DOWN. MR. DENTON ANSWERED NO AND CITED THE NEED TO BID OUT FOR A NEW PUMP AND SCREENING SYSTEM AT THE SEWER PLANT AND OTHER REPAIRS. MS. CASTO ASKED ABOUT THE SEWER OPERATOR, WHETHER THERE WAS OVERSIGHT, AND WOULD HE BE REPLACED. MR. DENTON ANSWERED HE HAS BEEN REPLACED. MAYOR ASHCRAFT INFORMED THAT RICK FITCH IS THE NEW SEWER OPERATOR, AND THAT THE EPA DOES INSPECTIONS WHICH IS HOW PROBLEMS WERE DISCOVERED. THE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS HAS JURISDICTION OVER THE SEWER OPERATOR.

(2) TONYA WRIGHT, OWNER OF 130 E. MAIN STREET, ASKED IF CHARGES COULD BE BASED OFF USAGE, AND IF VILLAGE SEWER IS HANDLED BY SOUTHWEST LICKING. MR. DENTON ANSWERED CHARGES ARE A STRAIGHT FEE BECAUSE THERE ARE NO FLOW METERS, AND THAT SEWER SERVICE IS HANDLED BY THE VILLAGE. MS. KESSLER ASKED ABOUT HOW SERVICE FEES FOR THE PINEKIRK PROPERTY WERE DETERMINED. MR. DENTON ANSWERED THAT IT IS A BUSINESS AND THE FEE IS

BASED UPON INTENDED USE. MS. BROWN CONFIRMED THAT THE FEE IS A FLAT \$46 PER SERVICE ASSESSED.

(3) KAREN KESSLER, OWNER OF 152 & 160 E. MAIN STREET, MADE A STATEMENT ON THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 31, 2022 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS. MS. KESSLER STATED HER CONCERN THAT SIGNIFICANT PORTIONS OF THE MEETING WERE REDACTED FROM THE MINUTES. MS. KESSLER PROVIDED A WRITTEN COPY OF HER STATEMENT WHICH ARE INCLUDED WITH THESE MINUTES AS PART OF THE OFFICAL RECORD. MS. KESSLER STATED THAT PEOPLE WANT DEVELOPMENT AND TRUTH. MS. KESSLER STATED THAT SHE HAS BEEN TOLD PEOPLE DON'T COME TO MEETINGS BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN THREATENED.

(4) JOE NORTHRUP, RESIDENT OF 210 E. MAIN STREET, ASKED ABOUT THE LETTER HE RECEIVED IN THE MAIL FROM SOUTHWEST LICKING WATER DISTRICT ABOUT WELL SAMPLING. MR. DENTON ANSWERED THAT SOUTHWEST LICKING WATER DISTRICT BOUGHT PROPERTY IN KIRKERSVILLE AND PLAN TO DIG TWO WELLS. PUBLIC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE JOINED THE DISCUSSION AT WILL. MR. DENTON INFORMED THAT THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WILL BE ADDRESSING THE ISSUE. MAYOR ASHCRAFT CLARIFIED THAT THE VILLAGE DID NOT SEND THE LETTER. HE EXPLAINED THE TESTING REFERRED TO IN THE LETTER IS VOLUNTARY, AND THAT SOUTHWEST LICKING IS NOT PUMPING WELLS CURRENTLY.

(5) JUDY CASTO ASKED HOW THE SEWER PLANT OPERATOR JOB WAS ADVERTISED. MAYOR ASHCRAFT ANSWERED THAT THE ENGINEER ADVERTISED IT FOR THE VILLAGE. MS. CASTO ASKED ABOUT THE EPA FINES. MR. DENTON EXPLAINED THAT THE EPA GAVE THE VILLAGE A TIME PERIOD TO COMPLETE THE REPAIRS BEFORE FINES WOULD BE LEVIED.

BOARD POLL: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

CLERK REPORT: NONE

LEGAL REPORT: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS: MR. DENTON MOVED TO PAY THE BILLS; 2<sup>ND</sup> BY MRS. BROWN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM JUNE: MR. DENTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES; 2<sup>ND</sup> BY MRS. BROWN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: MR. DENTON MOVED TO ADJOURNE THE MEETING; 2<sup>ND</sup> BY MRS. BROWN. ALL IN FAVOR. 7:43 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY BPA CLERK VICKI COE.

THESE MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD THIS 30<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST, 2022.

MRS. BROWN \_\_\_\_\_ MR. DENTON \_\_\_\_\_