

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BAMBERG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2004 AT 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL. MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bob Clary, Commissioner Carl Kilgus and Commissioner Dr. Marion Dwight. MANAGER: Bruce Ellis. CLERK: Bruce Watson. VISITORS: Lisa Stokes and Jerry Durgan.

Chairman Clary called the meeting to order and Clerk Watson gave the invocation.

Commissioner Kilgus made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2003 meeting as received. Commissioner Dwight made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

During the discussion of the Income and Expense Statements, Commissioner Kilgus informed the Commissioners that he had noticed that the income for the month was looking better.

Manager Ellis explained that a few cold days during November and December provided more income for the BPW. He told the Commissioners that Santee Cooper broke records with the sales of electricity during November and December. Manager Ellis explained that the winter had been rather mild but that the BPW should catch up with the sales of electricity during the next few months.

Commissioner Dwight told Manager Ellis to be sure and tell the BPW Employees how much they appreciated their efforts during the bad weather.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that they had been working all day to restore electricity. He said there were no major disconnections of electricity but that several services had been pulled away from homes. He explained that they would be reconnected once the services had been repaired by the owners.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that a major SCE&G line had fallen on a BPW line earlier in the day. He said the SCE&G line was pulled away and that the BPW lines were now operating.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that the BPW would be monitoring the gas usage tonight.

Commissioner Kilgus asked who would be served with gas first if there became a gas shortage.

Manager Ellis explained that Rockland Industries was considered an interruptible customer and that they could be dropped if natural gas was needed for other areas. He said residential customers would be served first.

Under Manager's Report.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that the line shaft turbine pump for Well 8 would be replaced at cost of 25 to 30 thousand dollars. He explained that the well should be up and running by the next meeting. Manager Ellis assured the Commissioners that the BPW was still in good shape with the other producing wells.

Manager Ellis provided a monthly invoice from Santee Cooper for \$170,000.00 for the purchase of electricity. He explained that the invoice included the purchase of electricity, a demand charge as well as a SEPA charge for the purchase of electricity from the Federal Generating Station.

Manager Ellis explained that the \$75,000.00 demand charge would be passed on to the BPW commercial and industrial customers. He said that the demand charges must be passed on to the demand customers. Manager Ellis explained that this was a typical monthly bill for the BPW from Santee Cooper.

Manager Ellis presented the Commissioners with a letter dated December 22, 2003 explaining the adjustment in charges for kilowatt hours to the BPW. He explained that this was done every month.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that the big pretreatment trough for Rockland Industries needed to be replaced at a cost of \$86,000.00. He explained that the pretreatment trough had been put in several years ago. Manager Ellis said that M.B. Kahn Construction Company would be doing the work.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that the plans to construct fire hydrants in the Canary Street and Robin Drive areas had been approved by DHEC. Manager Ellis said it would cost \$48,000.00 to complete the project. He asked the Commissioners to guide him as to whether the BPW would be willing to accept the hydrants and maintain them once they were put in by the City.

The Commissioners all agreed that the BPW would accept and maintain the hydrant system after the City had the hydrant system constructed at a cost of 48,000.00.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that John Tiencken the Chief Executive Officer for Santee Cooper had stepped down to pursue other interests. He said that his replacement had not been announced at this time. Manager Ellis said he felt that Lonnie Carter would be next in line for the position.

Manager Ellis reminded the Commissioners that the MASC Winter Meeting would be held February 16th and 17th of this year.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that the BPW was the winner of the Region IV Consumer Confidence Report Award this year. He said EPA and DHEC Officials would be presenting the award this week.

The Commissioners congratulated the BPW Staff for their accomplishment. Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that Will Martin had done most of the work for the award.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that a \$9,587.00 grant had been received to provide a feeding system for fluoride for Well 8. He told them that no matching funds were required.

Manager Ellis told the Commissioners that the Tobacco Grant Projects were winding down. He said that he would be providing them with a report of total funds received for the Tobacco Grant Projects.

Manager Ellis provided the Commissioners with a packet of information concerning ongoing BPW projects.

Commissioner Dwight made the motion to go into executive session to discuss negotiations incident to a contractual agreement. Commissioner Kilgus made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Commissioner Dwight made the motion to come out of the executive session. Commissioner Kilgus made the second. All agreed. The motion carried.

Chairman Clary announced that nothing had been decided during the executive session.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

Clerk

Chairman-BPW

Commissioner-BPW

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