

A MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BAMBERG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ON MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2010 AT 5:15 P.M. AT CITY HALL.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Carl Kilgus, Dr. Marion Dwight, and Buddy Sandifer. MANAGER : Bruce Ellis. CLERK: Bruce Watson. VISITORS: Gene Searson, Will Martin, Joyce Searson, Jerry Halmon, and Jason Miller.

Chairman Kilgus called the meeting to order and Commissioner Dwight gave the invocation.

Commissioner Dwight made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2010 and March 2, 2010 meetings as circulated. Commissioner Sandifer made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

The Financial Statements were received as information.

Commissioner Sandifer explained that the First Baptist Church had taken over the Soccer League and that Mrs. Bonnie Strickland was asking permission to use the BPW property on Midway Street for their main soccer field since they were running out of room. He said the BPW property would allow them to put the soccer goals up and leave them up year round.

Commissioner Kilgus asked how many kids were playing in the soccer program?

Commissioner Sandifer told the Commissioners that around 250 kids participated in the program plus their parents.

Commissioner Dwight asked if there was any down side to the request and asked if anyone else had asked to use the property in the past?

Manager Ellis told the Commissioners that he knew of no concerns with the request.

Commissioner Sandifer made the motion to allow the Soccer League to use the property on Midway Street. Commissioner Dwight made the necessary second. During the discussion Chairman Kilgus reminded Manager Ellis to be sure the BPW had insurance coverage on the property. Manager Ellis told the Commissioners that the BPW and City had blanket coverage for the property. All approved of the motion. The motion carried.

Under Manager's Report:

Manager Ellis reminded the Commissioners of the Legislative Dinner next Thursday beginning at 5:00 p.m. in Columbia. He told them it would be a great time for them to learn more about the pending legislation which will impact the utility companies in South Carolina. Manager Ellis told the Commissioners the event would allow them to meet with the legislators to discuss their concerns.

Manager Ellis told the Commissioners that they needed to look at doing some work at the warehouse facility like adding a workshop and adding new bathrooms. He told them he would have information for them at the next meeting.

Manager Ellis reported that the BPW had been busy flushing hydrants, turning valves and putting in taps.

Commissioner Kilgus asked if the customers were paying on time?

Manager Ellis explained that this winter had been good for utility companies. He told the Commissioners that the BPW had an increase in the sale of utilities due to the cold weather.

Commissioner Kilgus asked Manager Ellis how Ehrhardt was doing?

Manager Ellis told the Commissioners that he was not sure how Ehrhardt's utility system was doing.

Commissioner Sandifer told the Commissioners that after talking to Manager Ellis that he realized there were some things they needed to do for the employees at the expense of the BPW. Commissioner Sandifer said he felt health screenings on an annual basis were needed and could alert the employees of any possible problems before they became major problems.

Manager Ellis told the Commissioners that they were looking into to the wellness programs offered by the BPW's insurance carrier. He explained that they could do things like the DPU of Orangeburg who has an exercise room for their employees.

Commissioner Dwight said he thought it would be a wonderful idea. He voiced that annual physicals coupled with educating the employees about eating better and the need to stop smoking were needed.

Commissioner Sandifer told the Commissioners that they could set aside money in next year's budget to deal with health programs for the BPW employees.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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Clerk

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Chairman-BPW

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