

A MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BAMBERG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ON MONDAY, MAY 3, 2010 AT 5:15 P.M. AT CITY HALL. MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Carl Kilgus, Commissioner Dr. Marion Dwight, and Commissioner Buddy Sandifer. MANAGER: Bruce Ellis. CLERK: Bruce Watson. VISITORS: Jerry Halmon, Gene Searson, Jason Miller, Gary Downes, Attorney Billy Kemp, and Will Martin.

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

Commissioner Dwight made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2010 meeting as circulated. Commissioner Sandifer made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

The Commissioners received the monthly financial statements and Manager Ellis reported that nothing in them was out the ordinary.

Chairman Kilgus informed Manager Ellis that he had noticed his equalized utility payments for his home had gone from around \$400.00 to \$200.00 for the new year which he said was good.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that he had done more research on a wellness program for the BPW employees. He told them their insurance carrier was recommending that they not provide a workout facility for the employees due to the liability of possible worker compensation claims and medical claims due to possible injuries at the facility. Manager Ellis said the insurance carrier was recommending that the BPW provide contributions to the employees for them to join a health club or wellness center.

Manager Ellis told the Commissioners that they had also looked at doing health screenings for the employees which the medical insurance carrier would pay \$300.00. He explained that other towns pick up the remaining costs for the health screenings.

Commissioner Sandifer voiced that they needed to look into providing the health screenings for the employees.

Commissioner Dwight voiced that he felt the health screenings would save the BPW money over time.

Assistant Manager Will Martin presented basic information to the Commissioners on the wellness programs. He said most people were going away from providing workout facilities. He explained that the Orangeburg Medical Center offered a program which did blood work and health screenings several times during the year. He said they also provided educational programs on wellness issues. Mr. Martin said he would have a finalized recommended program to present to the Commissioners at the next meeting.

Manager Ellis presented the Commissioners with the resolution Alltel was asking them to pass giving him permission to negotiate with Alltel concerning the placement of a cell phone antennae on the BPW water tank.

Attorney Billy Kemp told the Commissioners that he had reviewed the proposed contract with Alltel which he said looked ok except for a few minor wording and format changes.

Manager Ellis explained the resolution would give him authority to negotiate with Alltel.

Commissioner Sandifer asked Manager Ellis if he would only be negotiating the agreement.

Manager Ellis said the resolution allowed him to negotiate and sign the contract.

Commissioner Sandifer asked about the time limit of the contract.

Manager Ellis said the contract would likely be for seven years.

Chairman Kilgus told Manager Ellis to finalize the contract and to bring it back to the Commissioners for approval.

Under Manager's Report:

Manager Ellis provided the Commissioners with an article on the Arc Flash Standard required by OSHA. He explained that the BPW would be required to follow both the codes for the electricians as well as for the linemen.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that South Carolina Law 48165 now requires that all wastewater spills over 5,000 gallons must be reported to DHEC. He explained that this could mean small spills from a lift station. Manager Ellis said they were putting alarms on all the lift stations and a antennae on the water tanks to help prevent such spills.

Manager Ellis told the Commissioners that Congressman Clyburn and Senator Graham have sponsored a rural energy saving program to provide money to individuals who take steps to save energy.

Commissioner Sandifer asked if the program was for new homes?

Manager Ellis said the program was for old homes and provided incentives on new home loans.

Manager Ellis told the Commissioners that they had been invited to attend the event where Representative Sellers would announce the US 78 Widening Project to be held next Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at the courthouse.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that he had been notified that SCANA would be increasing their gas prices by 16.7% this year.

During the announcements, Commissioner Sandifer told the Commissioners that he felt it would be nice for the BPW to host an outing for the BPW employees, their spouses, their children as well as the Commissioners and their wives on either May 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> at his home on Clear Pond. He explained that they could even plan a fishing tournament. Commissioner Sandifer said he would put on the event.

The Commissioners approved of the event.

During questions from the press and audience, Mr. Jerry Halmon asked the 16.7 increase in gas prices from SCANA would mean the citizens would see a 16.7 % increase in their bills.

Manager Ellis explained that SCANA was just one supplier of natural gas to the BPW and that the BPW used an average cost based on the prices from the other suppliers. He said the increase would not necessarily be 16.7 % to the citizens.

With no further business, Commissioner Dwight made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sandifer made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

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