

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BAMBERG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ON MONDAY, JULY 29, 2002 AT 5:15 P.M. AT CITY HALL.
MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bob Clary, Commissioner Carl Kilgus and Commissioner Marion Dwight. MANAGER: Bruce Ellis. CLERK: Bruce Watson.
VISITORS: Will Martin, Cindy Nichols and Mayor Alton McCollum.

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

The minutes of the June 24, 2002 meeting were approved as received.

During the review of the income and expense statements, Clerk Watson informed the Commissioners that \$916,927.00 had been reimbursed to the BPW from the EDA grant. Clerk Watson reported that \$92,942.18 in interest income had also been posted. Clerk Watson told the Commissioners that these monies would increase the BPW reserve investments by \$1,009,869.18.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that more reimbursement of grant funds would be forth coming.

Under Manager's Report:

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that the new water plant is starting to go up.

Manager Ellis told the Commissioners that he is receiving a lot of questions about the availability of water. Manager Ellis assured the Commissioners that the BPW has more than an adequate supply of water. Manager Ellis said the new well could be brought on line quickly if needed. Manager Ellis explained that the last two new wells were bored to a depth of 1,000 feet and together could produce 3,500 gallons per minute.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that the BPW is now having to add water to Rockland's wastewater before it could be treated at the BPW wastewater plant. He explained that Rockland has decreased their use of water which has increased their concentration of pollutants in their wastewater stream.

Chairman Clary stating that he had seen activity at the Rockland pumping station, asked if there was any problems with the station.

Manager Ellis explained that Chandler Construction Company has been installing floats in the new station.

Manager Ellis reported that all projects have been completed except the new water plant project which should move in a hurry.

Manager Ellis presented the Commissioners with the proposed 2002-2003 BPW Budget. Manager Ellis explained that he expected the cost of purchasing natural gas by the BPW to be down somewhat this year due to the problems with the economy. Manager Ellis explained that he expected revenues from all departments to remain about the same except for the wastewater department which he said would increase due to an increase in wastewater rates this year. He said this increase was recommended by the Black and Veatch rate study.

Will Martin explained that other receipts in administration would be down this year due to anticipating that no life insurance monies would be received this year.

Manager Ellis explained that the budget includes \$1,183,000.00 in grant revenues this year.

Manager Ellis explained to the Commissioners the various material additions that would be needed in each department. He told them they could make any changes if needed. The material additions totaled \$4,060,000.00.

A copy of the budget has been included in the minutes as presented.

Commissioner Kilgus said he felt the material additions needed to stand as presented.

Commissioner Dwight said he felt it was appropriate to list the material additions in the paper so the people could see for themselves what the BPW is doing.

Manager Ellis explained that the budget did include a 3% cost of living raise for the employees and a 2% Christmas bonus.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that the budget also contained \$176,500.00 in transfers to the City of Bamberg which he said they were glad to be able to do. He urged the City to inch up their millage so the BPW could inch down their rates in order to offset the deregulation restrictions which would be coming in the future.

Commissioner Kilgus asked that the Commissioners also consider putting funds in the budget to erect a permanent panel box for the July 4th Celebration that would be used for the stage area. Everyone agreed this needed to be done.

Commissioner Kilgus then made the motion to approve the 2002-2003 BPW Budget of \$9,738,191.00 as presented. Commissioner Dwight made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

There were no questions from the press. Mayor McCollum asked if the two new wells were pulling from the same aquifer. Manager explained that they were deep wells and that they were pulling from the same aquifer.

Chairman Clary thanked Mayor McCollum for their invitations to the MASC Annual Meeting.

Commissioner Dwight said the meeting was very informative and that he enjoyed meeting so many well informed people.

Mayor McCollum informed the Commissioners that an individual had spoken highly of the railroad bed development and he thanked the Commissioners for their devoted help with the project.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Clerk

Chairman-BPW

Commissioner-BPW

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