

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BAMBERG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ON MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2003 AT 5:15 P.M. AT CITY HALL.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bob Clary and Commissioner Carl Kilgus.

MANAGER: Bruce Ellis. CLERK: Bruce Watson.

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

Commissioner Kilgus made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2003 meeting as received. Chairman Clary made the second. All Approved. The motion carried.

The income and expense statements were reviewed as received.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that a topo map is being done on the Eubanks Property by Don Smith in Orangeburg. He explained that Commerce Department Officials would be here next week to look at the property in order to give the BPW some recommendations on how to best develop the property. Manager Ellis told the Commissioners that a set of specs on how the property should be developed needed to be created. He said the property needed to be developed in order to create the most jobs. He felt industrial development would be better than commercial development which he said would be competing with other businesses. Manager Ellis told the Commissioners that a good report of the property would be available at the next meeting.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that he would have final figures on the 2003-2004 budget in two weeks at which time he wanted the Commissioners to tour the new water treatment plant. Manager Ellis asked the Commissioners to decide on a cost of living raise for the BPW employees so he could complete the budget. He explained that the City was giving a 3% cost of living raise this year.

Commissioner Kilgus asked if the 3% cost of living raise would be the only salary increase given.

Manager Ellis explained that the 3% was a cost of living raise and said it would be the only raise given unless they decided to give merit raises.

Commissioner Kilgus made the motion to approve the 3% cost of living raise. Chairman Clary made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Manager Ellis explained to the Commissioners that new trucks needed to be included in this year's budget since he had held off from purchasing new ones last year due to the large grant expenditures. He asked the Commissioners for permission to keep the bidding to local BPW customers.

Commissioner Kilgus said that would be ok with him.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that \$385,000.00 of the 2.7 million dollar Tobacco Grant had been used to build the lift station to the Cross Rhodes Park. He explained that DHEC had agreed to permit another seven and a half acres of spray field on the Log Branch Road which would also be built with Tobacco Funds. Manager Ellis explained that M.B. Kahn was awarded the contract to develop the spray field at a cost of \$1,598,000.00.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that the \$900,000.00 grant project to remove the sludge at the wastewater treatment plant is near completion

Manager Ellis reported that the Annual Consumer Confidence Report has been sent to all BPW customers.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that the new Federal Drinking Water Security Act will require the BPW to develop a Source Water Assessment Plan. He explained that security for water systems is changing drastically.

Manager Ellis told the Commissioners that the state is now requiring the BPW to draw up a Drought Response Plan to replace the Drought Response Ordinance of 1988.

Manager Ellis also reported that a Water Emergency Plan will also be required in the future. He said he has talked to Fred Boatwright of Orangeburg DPU about connecting water lines with Orangeburg for emergency purposes.

Manager Ellis told the Commissioners that a Risk Assessment Plan which is required by EPA and EDA is in place. He said a copy would be made available to them.

Manager Ellis informed the Commission that Allen Greenspan predicts natural gas prices to be 20% higher this winter due to the supply. Manager Ellis said BPW suppliers would like to meet with the Commissioners to explain the situation.

Manager Ellis reminded the Commissioners about the MASC Annual Meeting in two weeks and also about the SCAMPS Meeting during the end of July. He asked the Commissioners to let him know if they would be attending the SCAMPS meeting on July 24th, 25th, and 26th.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that the new Edisto River Fish Advisory has been published. He said it advises people not to eat more than one meal of bass per month, more than one meal of other fish per week and to definitely not to eat any mud fish.

Chairman Clary thanked Manager Ellis for the information.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

ATTEST:

Clerk

Chairman-BPW

Commissioner-BPW

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