## Hillage of Bellaire PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

July 17, 2009

Members Present: Balon, Wendling, Nelson Staff Present: Stead, Person

Others Present: R. Bechtold, C. Stanish

Call to Order: Chairman Balon called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

- Approval of Agenda: Motion by Wendling, seconded by Balon to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote
- ◆ **Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Wendling, seconded by Balon to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2007 meeting as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

## New Business

- Request from Bechtold's for payment plan- Mrs. Bechtold explained that they were hooking up to the sewer and requested that the Village allow her to make payments on the connection fee. Committee understands the situation, but the ordinance doesn't allow it, they will check with other Council members and the attorney to see if it is allowed. (Person checked with the attorney and we are not allowed to be a lending institution)
- 2. Water Gun Upgrades- We are having problems with our gun and it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in the past five months it has gone in for repairs. Person and Stead have negotiated with the company and they will give us an upgraded gun for free, or the radio readers at a cost of \$5000 which is a \$4200 saving. Committee felt we should take the free gun and look at upgrading in the future.
- 3. Request from Area Seniors for help with paving road- Usually when they put in a water system we do the installation and all the work and equipment, except for paving the road. This would cost us around \$1200. This time the seniors didn't want to wait on our schedule so they went ahead and did all the work. Motion by Balon, seconded by Nelson to pay up to \$1200 of the road cut paving. Motion carried by voice vote.
- **4.** Water increases for 2009-10- ties into #1 on old business. Committee would like staff to come up with a fund like sludge for the water equipment replacement. Staff will propose for the Council meeting.

## Old Business

 Sewer/Water Rate Study- Conference Call with Jim Whyte on rates for non profits - Call at 10:30 AM- Committee met with J. Whyte by phone. He explained his plan and proposal for charging different rates to non-tax paying entities to make the distribution of paying for the water system fair. Cost is \$2500. His proposal is attached. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Wendling to recommend to the council that they go ahead with the proposal. Motion carried by voice vote.

## Discussion Items -

- 1. Cross Connection Inspections- DPW is doing their yearly inspections for the devices hooked to the system in the next week. The connections have to be inspected every three years. Stead gave an update on the new cross connection laws coming in 2011. We will update our ordinance for the new laws.
- 2. Valve Turning Program- They are starting the valve program in August. Notices have gone out in the paper to alert the residents, and provide information if the water is a little rusty.
- ◆ Communication/Informational: None
- Member/Public Comment- Discussion of how many raffle tickets have been sold. More discussion on who would pay the new water rates.
- Adjourn: Meeting adjourned with a call to the chair at 11:27 AM





