

# Village of Bellaire

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

**Eldon McPherson, Chairman**

**Trish Drollinger**

**Laurie Sexton**

### COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JUNE 25, 2014

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman McPherson called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

#### **Attendance**

**Present:** Chairman McPherson, Trish Drollinger

**Absent:** Laurie Sexton

**Staff Present:** Lori Lockett, Ken Stead, Chris Thompson and Aaron Kirt

**Also Present:** Troy Gallagher and Michael Smith from Mead & Hunt; Pete Bigford from Shanty Creek Resorts

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Ken Stead requested that Short's Brewery be added to the agenda as item c) under New Business.

**Motion by Drollinger, seconded by McPherson, to approve the agenda with the addition of Short's Brewery. Motion carried by voice vote.**

3. **Approval of the March 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were approved.

**Motion by Drollinger, seconded by McPherson, to approve the minutes of March 3, 2014 as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.**

4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None presented.

5. **Old Business**

**Meadow Brook Wastewater Update** – Thompson submitted a report for the committee's review and reported that while Meadow Brook has been trying to find the source of the leak, and did find a break in one line, with the drier weather there has been decreased infiltration making it harder and harder to find all leak sources. He reported that while flow in May and June was significantly decreased, there were issues with the temporary device becoming clogged and not reading. Discussion occurred about when to consider installing a permanent meter at the locate of the temporary meter. Thompson has been going out twice a week to clean the meter. The temporary meter has to be removed, read, cleaned and recalibrated every month. The permanent meter sits above the ground and would not have the same issues. The previous cost estimate for a new meter, including manhole cover, was \$8,000.00. Discussion of who would pay for the cost of the meter. Meadow Brook is still trying to have repairs done this month however, that may not be possible. Discussion that the accurate price of a new meter be determined for next council meeting and that if Meadow Brook does not have the leak repaired by next month they should pay at least half the cost of a new permanent meter.

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**Motion by Drollinger, seconded by McPherson, to recommend to village council that if Meadow Brook does not have the leak identified and fixed by August 1, 2014, the village will propose to Meadow Brook that it pay half the cost of a permanent meter and that the Village install a permanent meter. Motion carried by voice vote.**

### **6. New Business**

**a) Shanty Creek request to address TCE Plume.** Pete Bigford of Shanty Creek Resort addressed the committee. WATARS Association, Summit Village water association Mead and Hunt operator of water and sewer system at Summit Village and Schuss. He stated that he has been spending a lot of time on this issue, dealing with MAWSA but has never discussed the issue with the Village of Bellaire. Shanty well fields are in jeopardy with the TCE plume. DEQ has reinterpreted plume data with the effect of pulling funding. The plume will pass at the shallow level but will not affect drinking water 600 feet below. DEQ no longer considers this a health and safety issue, but an economic one. Summit wells are in a shallow zone and are in danger. Currently no agreement between WATARS and MAWSA. He was wondering what the Village was planning and whether they could work with the Village. Stead reported that our wells pull from a different direction than the plume. The Village well closer to the TCE plume will not be in use much longer. While Shanty currently does not have a plan in place, they are wondering why discussions had not occurred with the Village. If Village has to put a new well in, what is the distribution system, whether line could be added and run up the hill to Summit Village of Shanty Creek and add x-number of users to the Village system. Stead indicated the size of line and age of reservoirs. Questions about daily usage. Pushing water up the hill would take a booster station. Supplying water to Shanty would be quite a project. Might be an opportunity to explore the availability of federal monies to upgrade the Village water system while at the same time helping other. Bigford indicated that Shanty and MASWA officials have been working to determine funding. Trying to determine whether working with MAWSA or the Village is more cost effective. Discussion of whether Rural Development funding could be explored. RD will offer low interest loans up to point that average water rate equals 1.5% of median household income. According to Bigford, this is considered "skin in the game." The project balance is funded by grants. Stead reported that the Village does not owe anybody on its water system and has a good reserve with money for a new well. Chairman McPherson suggested that the committee propose to council that the Village look at the possibility of working on grant proposal that might benefit our community and aging system. Drollinger thought it could be a win-win situation.

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**b) Communication Options for Informing Public of Run Water Notices** - Stead reported that notices had been provided on radio and television, provided to the Area Seniors, posted on the website and hand delivered to certain residents. According to Stead, the easiest thing to do would be to hand deliver notices to every house on a day when meters are read. Discussion of whether seasonal residents leave water on or have it turned on. Concurrence that residents need to have information on the possibility of run water notices. Notice should explain to residents that if they are out of town and have not turned their water off, they should be aware that they may have to run water. Discussion that in addition to all methods used that past year, the committee will propose to council that notices and water bills for a particular month should be sent in envelopes.

**Motion by McPherson, seconded by Drollinger, to recommend to village council that as additional means of notice, the October water billings are to be sent in envelopes and include instructions on the awareness of run water during winter months and that this notice be provided annually with the October billing. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**c) Short's Brewery** - Short's Brewery has been adding lines to the current brewery location. Consensus that Short's should be charged ready to serve water and sewer fees for each line in use. Suggestion to be made to council that Short's be notified in writing that they will be charged fees for line in use.

- 7. Discussion Items:** None presented.
- 8. Communications/Informational:** None presented.
- 9. Member/Public Comment:** None presented.
- 10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.**

Minutes compiled by Lori Lockett, Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eldon McPherson, Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_