

Public Utilities Committee Minutes for

5 May 2023

Attending:

Mark Porter (MP)
Chris Berger (CB) - Chair
Tim Alder (TA)
Mayor Koons (WK)
Eric Haibach (EH)
Bridey Matheny (BM)
Alan Frasz – Yellow Lite

Meeting called to order at 9:00AM by CB. The meeting was held in person at The Village Hall.

1. Alan Frasz presented information on Solar Arrays. Committee is researching the feasibility of installing at the Village. Alan offered specifications, efficiencies, and location options as well as financing offsets available through the Inflation Reduction Act. MP, EH, and TA all discussed options which include behind the police station, in the central detention basin, and the ledge above the central detention basin. Alan to walk the property with TA and WK to determine best option. MP suggested presenting to Council at the next to gage interest before asking for proposals.
2. The Culvert Pipes for Chillicothe. WK and TA reported that bids were received and awarded. Work to start in May. TA advised that a number of home ditch areas along Rt 306 required Village work. The Streets Department is proceeding with the home culvert replacements.
3. EH presented draft work on categorizing the Ponds in the Village. He is now working on completing evaluations as to retention or non-retention status and the condition of each pond.
4. Paw Paw Lake Silt Pond – MP engaged a discussion continuing the Special Council Meeting with the residents of Paw Paw for the purpose of addressing accelerated and accelerating accumulation of silt in the silt pond and the dredging of that silt pond. EH noted that this is the result of natural water channels. Abating the silt “upstream” would only mean addressing the accumulation of silt at a differing point in the water flow – not eliminating the issue. MP proposed that rather than incur expense upstream in creating additional silt ponds, the Village should consider acquiring the silt pond from the Paw Paw Lake HOA and bring responsibility (and expense) for maintaining the silt pond under Village control. Even though the issue only affect Paw Paw, the issue does compromise the Paw Paw swim lake and potentially, home values in that residential area. MP proposed presenting to Council for consideration.

MP moved to adjourn at 10:27AM. CB concurred.

Submitted by

Christopher J. Berger, Public Utilities Committee Chair