

Public Utilities Committee

Special Meeting Minutes

3 November 2023

Attendees:

Mark Porter (MP)
Chris Berger (CB)
Eric Haibach (EH)
Tim Alder (TA)

Guests

D. Wise
Michael Wise, McDonald-Hopkins

Called to order at 9:00AM

1. Solar Panel Project – Mike Wise presented a cost analysis for the Village Campus. The payback was about 11 years as under current usage. CB raised the issue of charging EV police and village vehicles which would increase usage substantially and provide a better solar use analysis than current. MW went through the analysis including advantages under the Inflation Reduction Act, Third Party Management options, and recognition that not all costs are eliminated under a solar program. MW to forward his powerpoint presentation to share.
2. TA confirmed roofing project for the Streets Building in conjunction with a solar project at \$26K.
3. Discussion of Easements for Ponds in the Village – BM explained concerns at the Special PUC meeting 10/23/23 that the Easements as drafted were too vague and left open possibilities for unintended actions on resident's property. MP concurred. BM suggested that surveys of the properties be done to restrict Village access to only the pond and areas where stormwater issues may arise. BM advised CB that she would investigate with the County the requirements for the easements and report back.
MP and EH reported that the survey cost for the easement for the Manor Brook 319 Grant was \$15-16K. EH concurred. Before we agree to start doing pond surveys, we need to have a better handle

on the need and the cost. PUC agreed to wait for a report from the Solicitor.

4. Chillicothe Rd Ditch Program - EH reported that the survey of the properties needed to be done. TA reported that brush and plantings would need to be removed. A survey will tell us where and how much. EH to advise costs. TA has an approved quote from the contractor. Work can still get done in 2023.

Council Actions Needed –

Meeting adjourned at 10:05AM.

Next meeting is 12/1/23 at 9:00AM

Submitted by Christopher J. Berger, Chair