

**Lanesboro Public Utilities
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 16th, 2020 10:00 a.m.
Lanesboro Community Center Gymnasium and
Zoom with video and audio connections**

Present: Jon Pieper, Elliot Riggott and Don Bell
Absent: None
Staff Present: Jerod Wagner
Visitors: None

Regular Meeting:

Commissioner Pieper called the regular meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

- A. Agenda:** Member Bell motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Member Riggott seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call, all in favor. Motion carried.
- B. Consent Agenda:** Member Riggott motioned to approve the Consent agenda as presented. Member Bell seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - Minutes of the Regular Meeting, May 19th, 2020
 - Accounts Payable
- C. City Update:** Administrator Peterson shared that the Council had officially cancelled Buffalo Bill Days for 2020.
- D. Staff Update:** Utilities Supervisor Jerod Wagner reported the following:
 - High rainfall last week forced a bypass at the Wastewater Treatment Facility for four hours. Wagner would like to verify that storm drains are not draining into the sewer system. Discussion continued regarding the ability of the Utility to inspect properties. It was also noted that a PTO pump is a necessary piece of equipment. Wagner will look to see if a used one can be found. Potentially the City (Fire and Street) may also benefit from this equipment. Peterson will also look at potential grant opportunities for a PTO pump.
 - Staff is working with area communities on how the Christmas Tree can be reconfigured for LED lights.
 - There have been several power outages recently. It has been determined that current coming in from MiEnergy is triggering our system to kick out. Wagner will be working with engineers to look at the situation, and make any necessary changes to prevent this from continuing.
- E. Dam Project Update:** Administrator Peterson shared the project is on schedule, and soon work will begin on the power canal portion of the project.

Regular Business

- A. Water Loss:** Members reviewed the water loss report for the first quarter of 2020. Water loss has remained consistent. Water Meters in town are approximately 8 years old, so still in good working order. There are several drip lines in residences in town, and this is most likely causing a large percentage of the unaccounted-for water loss. The commission would like to see a map created of those properties, which would include inspections. A plan will be created to prioritize and eliminate these lines.

B. SEMCAC Contract: Member Bell motioned to approve the contract as submitted. Member Riggott seconded the motion. Discussion was had on possible additional Conservation Improvement Projects for the community. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.

C. Continued Business:

- 1. Electric Rate Study:** Supervisor Wagner is going to request that the study be finalized. No further updates were available.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 21st, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourn Regular Meeting: Motion was made by Commissioner Riggott to adjourn the regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission at 10:42 a.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bell. Motion carried all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Administrator/Clerk