

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Held September 14, 2023

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The Council convened at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Office. Mayor Jim Nelson called the Council session to order with the following members present:

COUNCIL: Jim Nelson, Penny Bennett, Cheryl Friend, Dean Mosier, David Lockhart, Jim Detter and Jesse Mann

ABS: Mark Wicker

The audience and council were reminded to silence all cell phones. The audience was informed that they were to state their names any time they wanted to talk during the community comments and requests section of the meeting or at any other time during the meeting.

Council was reminded to state their names when making a motion and when they seconded the motion. The person making the motion would write the motion down so it could be read again prior to a vote and then the written motion would be given to the Fiscal Officer for the record.

We have WWTP issues. We have an operator that is operating without a license. He will not respond to phone calls or emails. We have been in contact with Fulton and they are planning to fire him. Jim Detter asked if we called the number. No, we have not contacted the EPA regarding this. Jesse indicated that TJ does not have to a license. He could do the work and have a licensed operator to sign off. Jim Detter indicated that the contact does not say that TJ has to contact us. He does not have to be in touch with us. Cheryl asks why is the EPA accepting his reports if he does not have a license. Jesse indicated that it was in 2020 during COVID-19 and there was a state of emergency and everything went on. When that ended recently then his license should only been a lapse of a few months. Jesse indicated there is uncertainty due to COVID-19. If we hire a new sewer plant operator we will be paying double of what we pay TJ. There was an issue with the reports being sent in on time. There is a new portal that when the report is submitted and TJ now receives a confirmation that he can email to the village so we know it was submitted. Jesse makes a call every month to make sure TJ is reminded to submit the report. Penny indicated that he makes \$47,000 per year and we shouldn't have to do this. We just can't let these things keep happening. His contract is from back in 2014. Renee indicated she thought TJ brought in a new contract sometime after 2014. But he is still making the same amount of money. Jesse thought there was a new contact as well. He will look in his files. Jesse indicated that maybe our guys could work out there and have another operator sign off on it. Jim indicated that we offered this job to Randy back in the day, but he was not interested. He did not have a high school diploma. Jesse thought about calling the EPA number after TJ sends in his report then we would have 30 days to look for a new person. Jim Detter says we need to call the EPA and check. Jesse will make the call to the EPA and check on a couple of different people. Jesse received a voicemail and he left a message. Does anyone know where TJ lives? Dean indicated he lives in Mt. Gilead across from the school. Jesse stated he could stop by his house on his way home. Renee will get him the address. Jim indicated he would like to give Waldo a call and see who operates their plant. It was agreed upon that Jesse will stop by TJ house in Mt. Gilead and talk to him on what's going on.

Cheryl Friend made a motion to close the meeting, Jim Detter seconded.

Jim Nelson, Mayor

Renee Rarick