

VILLAGE OF VANLUE

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Robert Wells, Mayor

Leo Hendricks, Village Administrator

Melinda Boyd, (Fiscal Officer)

March 25, 2024

On March 25, 2024, the Council met in regular session at the Vanlue Village Town Hall and was called to order by Mayor Robert Wells at 7:00 PM.

Roll call of Council Members Present by Mayor Wells:

Amy Wiseley
Becky Nye

Ann Burrell, zoom
Robert Greene

Jeri Wenger (P)
Melissa Caudill

Village Employees in attendance:

Leo Hendricks (Village Administrator)
John Filkins (Village Solicitor)
Robert “Mike” Wenger (Maintenance)
Craig Bowman (Zoning)
John Nye (water/sewer clerk)

Village Residents in attendance were:

Sharon May
Jessica Monday

Kurt Princic
Mark Goodman

All reports, minutes and agendas are sent electronically to all of the Council prior to the meeting so they can be reviewed by Council members and the Mayor. The same reports are available to the public at the meeting.

The reading of and a motion to accept the minutes of the February 26, 2024 meeting was made by Ann Burrell and Bob Greene seconded
Motion passed 6 - 0.

Reading of and motion to accept the agenda for the March 25, 2024 meeting was made by Amy Wiseley and Melissa Caudill seconded by
Motion Passed 6 – 0

Reading of and motion for approval of current expenditures Ann Burrell motioned to accept the payment and seconded by Jeri Wenger.
Motion passed 6 – 0.

Reading and motion to accept the financial documents/bank reconciliation/fund summary as presented. Jeri Wenger motioned to accept, and Bob Greene seconded it.
Motion passed 6 - 0.

Public Participation:

Kurt Princic with CEP and Mark Goodman, Representative attended the meeting to talk about the possibility of installing solar panels in the Village's well field. These panels are designed to withstand 140 mph winds and hail storms.

Currently this company has panels in Brooklyn, Ohio and Chagrin Falls, Ohio. There is an option for the company to remove the panels at the end of their life at CEP's cost. This would be renewable energy to the Village Residents with a subscription. Bill HB197 is currently pending.

CEP has been in business for 12 years, mostly on the East Coast. There is a lead time of 18-24 months, 36 months to the longest. Mark Goodman is the middle man. Per acre, it would be \$1500 - \$2000 per acre per year.

RF Qualifications will send examples of the material. Tax money would be \$9000per year.

No action taken, council to further review, pending HB197

Jessica Monday inquired about vacating alley behind 108 – 112 W North St.
Possibility of multiple properties being involved in alley vacations from Maple Street to Main Cross street, pending property owners' letters of interest.

Departmental Reports:

VCO Sharon May:

The VCO will be having camping and food sales during the eclipse on April 8th. Each space is \$25/night and will need to apply for a permit through the VCO.

2024 VCO yearly calendar

- May 11th reverse raffle
- June 14 and 15th Village garage sales
- July 25, 26, 27 Vanlue Fest
- September 21 Veterans Parkway chicken BBQ
- October 24th Trick or treat.

- November
- December 1 Christmas in the Park
- December 22 Village Christmas caroling

Committee Reports:

Trees, Streets & Sidewalks – Amy Wiseley & Ann Burrell

- Amy and Ann did not have anything on the trees, streets and sidewalks. Once it gets warmer, the planning will get started.

Zoning:

- Roger Tanner has a hearing April 2nd.

Finance and Community & Public Relations–Melissa Caudill & Rebecca Nye:

- Nothing new for Finance or Public relations.
- Becky and Melissa are both posting on Facebook.

Buildings and Grounds and Records: Jeri Wenger (P) & Robert Greene:

- Jeri finished the recommendations for the records committee. She also informed Council that everyone must participate in the Sunshine Law training

Village Administrator, Leo Hendricks

Overall

Worked with Mike Wenger & Austin for several days inspecting ALL of the water meters and lines to try and locate suspected line leaks. Found nothing that stood out. Have two areas to reinspect.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Have used all but \$72 of ARPA funds – all on water/sewer related.

Water Related

Mike Bakies has fully taken over the daily testing and reporting for the water and sewer systems as operator of record. He continues to learn our system and adjust as needed. He is diligently working on the softeners to alleviate taste/smell issues.

Received needed replacement pipes for the softeners – one is defective, working with vendor on expedited replacement.

Received needed spare electronic components for WTP.

Submitted the Lead & Copper Compliance report as required by the EPA. The L & C report was due no later than October 18, 2024.

Have been actively updating the GIS survey program to include sewer lateral lines as shown on as-built plans.

Applied for a SWAP grant and requested \$14,900. We will be required to develop and implement a Source Water Area Protection plan as per guidelines. If approved, should know sometime in May, and will have six months to spend monies.

Had 14 delinquencies this month with two disconnects.

Website: 46 people have signed up so far for text or email alerts and news.

Paystar Statistics to date - during the February payment month:

40 customers or 22% of the total water/sewer customers used the Paystar option for \$4,101 in collections.

The 25-month average is 33 customers or 18.1% utilizing Paystar each month.

Total transactions of 818 and collections to date are \$87,323.

Sewer/Storm Sewer Related

Mike had an EPA inspection of the Waste Water System and only found a couple of paperwork issues which were quickly resolved.

Had a catch basin tile on Crawford St. at the water tower plugged up with stone and had BHC Environmental clean it out and restored drainage to the park and beyond.

Streets

Awaiting letter of intent from Toby Brooks for the potential vacation of alley & street right of way between Shepherd & Brooks properties.

Snow season has hopefully ended, and Mike & Austin are decommissioning the truck and tractor from snow mode.

Mike & Austin will be preparing the mower and tractor for spring mowing.

Veterans Parkway

Banners are scheduled to be installed by April 8th for the Eclipse.

Pine Tree is tentatively scheduled to be removed by April 8th .

Benefit Spaghetti Dinner scheduled on April 13th ,

Village Employees

Mike Bakies

Daily tasks on water & sewer operation/monitoring

Taking over monthly EPA water & sewer reporting

Aggressively working with Tonka Systems to resolve taste issues.

Continuing to learn our systems.

Mindy

Monthly utility billing/collections

Work with consumers on billing issues and new user sign ups.

Working on annual USDA report

Completed 2024 Permanent Appropriation Budget

Worked with John Nye on job training.

John Nye

Jumping into training for Utility Clerk position.

Doing receipt and billing entries, learning processes.

Mike Wenger

Performed monthly meter readings, distributed delinquent notices,

disconnects.

Leak Detection

Austin DesGranges

Leak Detection

Craig Bowman

Working with John Filkins on zoning violation court case.

Issued one zoning permit.

Mayor's report and New Business

- Next meeting is Monday April 22, 2024 at 7 pm at the town hall.
- Spring clean up is May 4th, 2024
- Bob talked about the Solicitors Permits. How do we address and enforce them? Attorney John Filkins will be reviewing and possibly revising an ordinance.
- Amanda Township will be replacing culverts on TR 197

Old Business:

- Eclipse discussion. The Village themselves are not doing anything but the VCO are looking into ideas.

Fiscal Officer Melinda Boyd

- Jeri is on the schedule for cleaning in April
- Mindy will be on vacation from May 4 - 12.
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Motion to approve ordinance 2024-04 Permanent appropriations for 2024. Ann Burrell motioned to approve and Becky Nye seconded it.

Motion passed 6-0

A motion was made by Amy Wiseley and seconded by Jeri Wenger to adjourn the March 25, 2024 Village of Vanlue Council meeting at 8:19 pm

Motion passed 6-0

MAYOR

FISCAL OFFICER