

April 13, 2004

Village of Minerva Park

Roll Call: Don Champney, Dave Stahr, Sharon Bierman, Pam Park-Curry, Ron Yarano, Brian Downey, Lynn Eisentrout and Suzanne Coulter.

Guest Speaker: Consumers council, aggregate group to buy utilities cheaper. Ray Fuller. We are looking to get a better price on utilities for all residents.

Ray Fuller: We try to help residents get better priced utilities and higher quality. We represent consumers, and educate consumers. Senate bill 3- 2001- mandated that electric systems open up their lines and poles to other companies. This has allowed people more choice. The idea is that you go out and shop as a pool of people. You have more buying power with more people purchasing. The Village would have some public hearings, the council would then pass an ordinance, the ballot issue would then appear before residents, if passed it would empower council to put together a plan to aggregate for electric and gas. It would be a separate ballot for each gas and electric. This does not bind council to do this. But it allows them to accept bids from companies to see if it really makes sense to do it as an aggregate or not. Council would then notify the residents of the decision of which company was chosen. Now, the price charged is changed quarterly, so this is a challenge for aggregates. Standard contracts for communities are two years. Some other communities have gotten a percentage off of current prices. House bill 9- regulates the process. Most municipalities higher an expert to help with the process. Residents can "opt out" of the pool of customers- or aggregate even after the company is chosen by council. There are two choices- opt out- or opt in. Opt out is the process just described. Opt in does not need the legislation, usually this is not a government option. % off deals-5% is the average. 5% off GCR- or gas only. Sharon Bierman would have saved 4.50 last months. We are here to let people know their options only. Currently there are not any marketers out there offering electric for individuals but there are for aggregates. The Village could join a larger council and have use of their experts in these areas.

Minutes from the regular meeting March 8, 2004. Pam Park-Curry moved to approve minutes. 2nd Dave Stahr. All ayes.

Engineer:

1. Chucks Cleaning has finished sewer cleaning job.

Narcus:

1. Thank Lynn for coming to Valley View Council meeting.
2. Commend council and Mayor for on-going meetings and hard work.

P & Z:

1. New rates coming.

2. Drive way on 2580 Jordon.

3. 2553 Wildwood fence variance. Fence within four feet of property line, and in advance of the building line. This is a picket fence, 4ft high. Will be painted white. This is a very odd property shape. Brought letters from neighbors.

Brian Downey motioned to approve the variance of allowing the fence at 2553 Wildwood to go in front of the rear building line, 4 ft high fence, pressed wood material, picket fence with 1 inch break, 1464.01 zoning code.

2nd Ron Yarano

Roll Call: Don Champney aye, Dave Stahr aye, Sharon Bierman aye, Pam Park-Curry aye, Ron Yarano aye, Brian Downey aye.

Approved.

4. Pat Mangan drafted a letter for group home. We are taking the position that it violates our zoning. We will get the owners into planning and zoning.

Narcus- we should watch the single family residence wording- Columbus did this and was forced to change their wording to people per square feet.

Dave Stahr- I think we should leave out the single family and go after the business being run out of the home and no permit.

Calla Sue Bush- I agree that it would be good to go after the business factor.

Pat Mangan will do another copy of the letter.

Civic and NCC:

none

Swim Club:

Tom Shannon- membership drive- pretty successful- to earn money to open the pool. Membership sold at 20% less then regular. Last year was very bad. We do have a new pump building. Pool filled two weeks prior to opening day. Baby pool still a problem- house that housed pump blown off and damaged some pipes.

Mayor's Report:

1. I went down to OPWC on Minerva Lake Road to increase our chances on points. We will have a meeting on Wed. April 14th at 5:30 on how to get more points.

2. Dick Busick is looking at all traffic signs and doing inventory.

Community:

1. Lake Clean up- need two guys to run a chipper. Daveys or Buckeye landscaping for chipper. April 24th, breakfast and lunch offered. 8 am

Streets:

1. Pots holes to be repaired this week.

2. Issue with man hole on Minerva Lake Road, ripped out by plow, AJ Asphalt will be back out to fix it.

Check for McMillan PO

Service:  
none

Safety:

1. letter to Mr. Quigley for 1/2 of invoice. Dave Stahr motions to send letter and then pay 487.50 for total payment of invoice. '

2nd Don Champney

All ayes.

Brian Downey- where does MP end- where is our jurisdiction- accident on Cleveland and Woodley- by gas station- bad accident.

Finance:

1. Don Champney- moved for approval of paid checks for March 2004.

2nd Pam Park-Curry

all ayes.

Legislation:

Ord. 1-2004 Quarterly surcharges for loan repayment.

PPC moved for acceptance of the third reading

2nd Ron Yarano

all ayes.

PPC moved for passage of Ord 01-2004

2nd Dave S

Roll: Dave Stahr aye, Sharon Bierman aye, Pam Park-Curry aye, Ron Yarano aye, Brian Downey aye, Don Champney aye.

Passed.

Citizens Comments:

none.

Adjourned 10:36 PM

A&B Sanitation- do not pay until Stu releases.

*Pam Park-Curry*  
*Suzanne R Coulter*