

TOWN OF PENNEY FARMS
Water Utility Committee Meeting
Minutes
Meeting Thursday, April 15, 2021

Present: Chairman, Tom DeVille; Fred Bruner; Judge McWhorter; TM Dave Cooper, TC Anita Cooper

Absent: Tina Green

Additional Audience: None

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Chairman, Tom DeVille opened the meeting at 9:10 a.m. Items on the Agenda that were discussed:

1) Motion to accept the minutes from January 16, 2020, meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2020, Water Utility Committee meeting by F. Bruner; second by J. McWhorter. Motion passed without dissent.

2) Storm Water project update:

TM Cooper updated the Committee the progress of the Storm Water project. He stated last week and yesterday the contractors were in the Town and found more pipes. He explained that Penney Retirement Community (PRC) is not aware of where several their pipes are on Poling Blvd., and it is his goal to help locate them and make sure there are no interruptions in any Town resident's water. Any time any new pipe has been found; the Town employees are adding the location to Diamond Maps for PRC.

F. Bruner asked the Town Manager what intersection he was referring to?

TM Cooper answered Morton and Poling is where they found four (4) additional lines that no one was aware of and they were where the storm water project was supposed to be digging. He shared that they also found a 4" sewer line that they were not aware of on the corner of Caroling and Poling, that is believed to be the old sewer line that went to the church. The contractors recommended to Mr. Boone to drill a hole in the top of the line to be sure it is dry and unused. He also shared that all lines are being added to the map and labeled as abandoned etc.

TM Cooper stated the contractors sent the Town the traffic pattern for construction, MOT, and it has been sent over to Wayne Boone, and the information should be shared in Eblurbs. The plan is for equipment to be moved in tomorrow, and they plan to start "soft digging" or scratching to make sure there are no unknown pipes, on Monday. They planned originally to begin at Morton and Poling, but now he believes their plan is to begin on Clark. He shared that he hopes that he will have that information confirmed today so that he can inform the residents. The residents will not be able to park along the streets that are being worked on and he has made both Wayne Boone and Teresa Scott aware.

Chairman DeVille asked how many crews would begin work?

TM Cooper explained from what he understands, if they begin on Clark, it would only be one crew. He explained that he planned to have an answer by the end of the day or tomorrow at the latest.

TM Cooper explained that he will be there 90% of the time because he is the kind of person that needs to be there when the pipes are going in the ground. It is the Town's responsibility to tell the contractors where their utilities are in the ground. If they do not disclose that information and the contractor hit a pipe, it is the Town's responsibility.

F. Bruner asked who was responsible for making sure the contractor does the job according to the specifications?

TM Cooper answered the State watches them, the Town watches them, and the Engineer that drew the design also checks behind them to be sure everything is according to specifications.

Committee member asked about road widening.

TM Cooper explained they would be widening 2ft on each side of Poling, for a total of 4ft wider. This is a necessary task due to the emergency vehicles that cannot go down the road.

Chairman DeVille stated it wouldn't be so narrow if cars did not park along Poling.

3) Saunders Road repairs:

TM Cooper shared with the committee that there have been issues with Saunders Road for a long time. The Town had been putting valves in and trying to patch it, and last month there were three (3) leaks in one month, losing approximately 50,000 gallons of water. He explained they repaired one of the major leaks so when they read the meters this month the loss was down to 18,000 gallons. He then stated he decided to put a new line in from SR 16 down to the second house down Saunders Road, and the pipe is in the ground currently (not hooked up yet) and is 2" sch 80 pipe that will last for years to come. He stated there is approximately 700 feet left to run since it has been done over the past couple of months.

TM Cooper shared he heard there would be another house being built on Saunders Road facing Saunders Road, and when that is done, they will already have the pipe in the ground to hook up to it. It will also let the Town know for sure how many houses are hooked up to the line.

J. McWhorter asked how far the Town boundaries extend.

TM Cooper answered the Town boundaries extend about 650 feet.

There was brief discussion about the residents outside of the Town limits that the Town supplies water to.

TM Cooper explained that there are some similar issues on Little Dairy Road where the Town is losing approximately 8,000 gallons. The Town is aware that will need to be repaired along with the issues on N. Kentucky as well. He stated that the Town can only do a little bit at a time. He informed the Committee that there is an application for a grant for these repairs in currently. Town Hall received an email stating that it is under review, and if it is approved, the Town will replace all the old lines around Town.

TM Cooper praised Chairman DeVille for his continued service to the Water Utility Committee and credited him with the support to help find all the leaks and repairs that have been needed throughout the years.

TM Cooper explained that the biggest hurdle was identifying where all the water loss was originating from and now the Town is working on fixing all the water loss.

TM Cooper stated he ordered the remainder of the pipe to complete Saunders Road today, and the Committee would see a bill for that and for the installation of the pipe soon.

F. Bruner asked if the current contractor would be installing that pipe?

TM Cooper answered yes. The Town is purchasing the material and the contractor is giving the Town a very fair price on the labor.

There was brief discussion on when to have the next Water Utility meeting.

Motion to have Water Utility meetings as needed by J. McWhorter; second by F. Bruner. Motion approved without dissent.

J. McWhorter asked how deep the resident on Paso Fino has gone with the "pond"/burrow pit.

Chairman DeVille explained that the resident is digging and selling the dirt and backfilling with undesirable materials.

J. McWhorter asked what obligations the Town has to the resident.

Chairman DeVille stated the Town has none because his actual residence is in the city limits of Clay County.

TM Cooper explained that the Council is currently handling that situation. The upcoming Council meeting is the first reading of an Ordinance that will never allow a burrow pit in the Town of Penney Farms again. He stated that was supposed to be 42 homes, but the Town was sold a bill of goods on that.

J. McWhorter asked when it was all said and done, what would it be, a lake?

TM Cooper answered, yes, and explained once the Ordinance is passed, the Town has some other things internally that they are trying to do.

TM Cooper stated there have been some issues at the pickleball court that are currently being resolved.

TC Cooper stated Town Hall will put a laminated sign near the basketball court stating "Basketball players, if you rearrange the court, please put it back"

Chairman DeVille stated that at the dedication, the pickleball players have priority over basketball players.

TM Cooper explained that is only if pickleball players are currently playing on the court.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by F. Bruner; second by J. McWhorter. Motion approved without dissent.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.



Chairman, Tom DeVille

