

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Village of South Amherst Meeting
December 29, 2022
EMERGENCY MEETING

Call to order

7:00 P.M. – The council meeting was called to order by Mayor David Leshinski and opened with the Lord's Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll was called:

Councilmember Michele Jeffers	P
Councilmember Scott Jones	P
Councilmember Jeanne Maschari	P
Councilmember Becky Siesky	P
Councilmember Jeri Leigh Siss	AB
President Pro Tempore David Troike	P

Ex officio members:

Fiscal Officer Michelle Henke	P
Records Clerk Laurie Beran	P
Law Director Matthew Mishak	AB

(EA – excused absences)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA December 29, 2022

Councilmember Troike moved to approved agenda as presented. Councilmember Jones second. Jeffers x Jones x Maschari x Siesky x Siss AB Troike x Motion passed.

VISITORS

SABPA Board members: Thomas Pellittieri, Zoltan Zoltai, Mark Leshinski, clerk Alexandra Tuggle, operator Dennis Hevener

MAYOR

Thanked everyone for attending to discuss the ongoing issue with the water system, especially the current SABPA board members who inherited the issue of the aging system. This evening we will discuss and make a decision on how to proceed with the replacement of the waterline on N. Lake St.

SABPA (Board member Pellittieri presented)

Attendees received a copy of the “Reason for meeting 12/29/2022”

The North Lake waterline has been an issue for at least 5 years. The plan was to install the new water main line east of the old main in between the gas main and storm main.

Diggers dug down between the storm and gas mains and the storm sewer is in such bad shape, that it just crumbles in. This is a problem because the SABPA doesn't have the funds to replace 400' of storm line.

The bigger issue is that there are so many patches on the old waterline and the holes dug to get to the line are backfilled with stone and are also caving in. When those cave in, they expose 20-30' of gas line. If the gas line is exposed there is nothing supporting it, leaving it vulnerable to snap and break. A broken gas line is unsafe and is a very high dollar fix as well as leaving the residents without a gas utility.

With so many small leaks in the old waterline the stone gets soaked creating an environment for further cave-ins.

If SABPA proceeds as originally planned, we will not be replacing the current line, but rather adding a new line in a different location. We would have to fill a 5' wide by 450' section of storm sewer. This also, does not guarantee that the gas line would not cave in.

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Option 1

Move the main line to the east side of sidewalk, putting the line 2' out of the right way, which is 25' from the center of the road. The Village Law Director has been contacted on this. The direction was that given it is not in his expertise, another attorney would have to be hired with fees. At this time, the cost and process is unknown.

Option 2

Run new water main under current sidewalk. Would have to tear out the old sidewalk and haul away concrete. COST: Pouring of sidewalk \$12,800 for 450'.

ADDITIONAL COST:

- A. Filled with premium backfill (gravel), most stable for the sidewalk \$5,000*
- B. Fill dirt and compact. 4' of stone for temporary sidewalk in spring. Does not guarantee that ditch won't settle over time and crack new sidewalk. \$0*

Option 3

Dig up current water main and replace the amount based on original estimate of \$45,000 from Diggers Excavating. Based on the time involved, would not be able to complete all 450' as originally estimated. This entails shutting down that section of the main, digging down to the main, cutting the main, ripping out and hauling away the main, installing 6" pipe to the old main. This is digging out and replacing what is there. Would have to fill road with premium backfill and compact.

7-8 resident homes would be put on a boil alert approximately a week while project is completed.

Spring 2023, outside contractor would have to patch N. Main Estimated cost for that service would be approximately \$14,000

Discussion points made:

Another option would be not to do anything at this time and just repair as breaks occur, which is approximately \$5000.00 (five thousand) per break. Winter months tend to have more breaks.

The fiscal officer clarified that there was \$45,000 (forty-five thousand) initially budgeted for the project.

Option 1 the additional cost is unknown at this point and the completion time of the project would be greatly extended.

Option 2 there would be an additional \$13,000 (thirteen thousand) approximately for replacing the sidewalk, plus premium backfill (gravel) is an additional \$5000 (five thousand). Premium backfill would be desirable to avoid extreme settling and cracking of a new sidewalk versus just compacting the dirt.

Option 3 would reduce the amount of waterline to be replaced to 200-225' due to more extensive work needed in order for the waterline to be replaced in the same spot. An estimated additional \$14,000 (fourteen thousand) to asphalt patch, plus would need to continually add gravel or cold patch throughout the winter.

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Councilmember Troike asked if the storm would be replaced that is already opened. Mr. Pellittieri replied that the open section is already repaired and if option 1 or 2 are chosen, the work stays away from the stormwater system.

Councilmember Maschari stated that we are roughly looking at \$63,000 (sixty-three thousand) to complete the project, what fund will it come from? The fiscal officer answered that \$45,000 (forty-five thousand) was already appropriated from the ARPA Fund. Ms. Maschari asked what kind of balance the SABPA had for the year. Operating \$64,000 (sixty-four thousand) and Capital Improvement was approximately \$194,000 (one hundred ninety-four thousand). The carry-over in the ARPA Fund is about \$59,000 (fifty-nine thousand) which could be appropriated to the project.

Councilmember Troike moved to approve Option 2 with the use of ARPA Funds. Councilmember Jones second.

Discussion: Mark Leshinski asked where the curb stops would be placed. The reply was that they would be placed in the residents' yards. The project would begin on Tuesday, January 3rd weather dependent.
Jeffers x Jones x Maschari x Siesky x Siss AB Troike x Motion passed.

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation No. 298

Councilmember Troike moved to appropriate the carryover balance of the ARPA Fund for the N. Lake waterline. Second by Councilmember Jones.

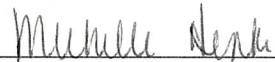
Jeffers x Jones x Maschari x Siesky x Siss AB Troike x Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT Time 7:21 Councilmember Jones moved to adjourn. Councilmember Siesky second.

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor David Leshinski



Fiscal Officer Michelle Henke