

Sherwood council hears more discussion of solar project

SHERWOOD — Village council welcomed about 50 community members and representatives from Lightsource BP to its meeting on Monday.

Cliff Scher, senior director of development for Lightsource BP, was on hand to share information with the community about a proposed solar field project.

The project, which may take place for up to 40 years, is projected to be placed to the north and northeast of the village with solar panels occupying around 350 acres.

During his presentation, Scher explained the landscaping and wastewater plan for the project while also discussing how the project may effect property values and the local economy.

Local residents also spoke on the proposed project.

William and Sue Moats explained their concern about “activists” wanting to change zoning laws. The Moats added that they believe each property owner should have the right to do with their property as they desire.

Fellow property owner Todd Rosebrock also was for the project, stating that he “felt strongly that it was important to complete the project.” Rosebrock noted that he believes the taxes given to the Central Local School district will be beneficial for prosperity and growth.

Lesley Hange and other homeowners expressed another side to the story.

Hange, an opponent of the project, continued to share data she has gathered on other projects around the state,

and continued to share her fear of the Sherwood community trusting local land to big companies.

Community members for and against the project are encouraged to attend an upcoming public meeting. The meeting will be held on Sept. 9 from 6-8 p.m. at the Delaware Township fire hall.

In other business, council:

- heard a report from Defiance County Sheriff’s Office and Deputy Dan Crites. In his report Crites noted that last month the sheriff’s office had 104 business checks in the village while also doing 25 traffic stops. Crites also noted that dog complaints are on the rise within the village while reminding residents that school will be starting and to be mindful of children and also to school buses on the roadways.
- discussed a recent blockage of the railroad crossing.
- discussed recently added flags at a village grocery store that are making it hard for drivers to see traffic as they enter the road.
- approved amending appropriations for 2021.
- accepted the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and certified the numbers to the county auditor.
- heard the village administrator’s report. During the report council learned that the library’s brick and windows project is scheduled to be finished within the next couple weeks. Also noted that Buckeye Roofing is sched-

uled to do work on the community room.

• discussed business with the Crystal Fountain Auditorium and noted that there has been no contact from homeowners and that officials will be proceeding with auction after a final survey.

• learned that Vine Street was milled last week and the rest of the paving should be completed this week.

• heard that Dangler Excavating is going to start the looping water line project on Fountain Street.

• discussed recent OPWC grant funds that will be used for the North Harrison Street project (curbs).

• discussed funds received from the American Rescue Plan totalling \$42,476.76. Officials noted they are looking at using the funds for a water project.

• noted the village office will be closed on Sept. 3 and Sept. 6 for Labor Day.

• learned that the fire department had two applications, one from Tyler Adams for firefighter and Amanda Grubb to be on EMS. Council approved the applications pending background checks.

• heard that secretary of state hopeful Frank LaRose will be having a campaign event at Ironhorse Brewery on Sept. 1 from 5-7 p.m. For more information, contact Jennifer Hutchinson 734-664-3873.

• made a final decision on an official seal for the village.

• discussed adding additional lighting to the corner of U.S. 127 and Ohio 18.

Northeastern Local introduces new teachers, staff

By HARRIET KEITH
Special to The Crescent-News

New staff members were introduced at the beginning of the August meeting of the Northeastern Local Schools board of education Tuesday night.

Alex Nafziger was introduced as the new high school principal. New teachers are Timo Acker, high school German; Reid Anders, grade 6; Eric Engel, high school math; Chelsea Green, elementary music; Brooklyn Miller, high school English language arts; Morgan Porter, grade 3; Kayla Rethmel, grade 2; and Megan Wiles, grade 2.

Also joining the Northeastern staff are Tammy Brown, school psychologist; Lexie Semer, preschool speech language pathologist; Jenna Wilhelm, speech language pathologist; Allie Baden, middle school paraprofessional; Jennifer Brubaker, elementary paraprofessional; Kathleen Cooper, elementary paraprofessional; Lisa Mueller, elementary paraprofessional; Renee Flory, elementary paraprofessional; Cara Hornish, middle school/high school cafeteria; and Jessica Fleetwood, elementary cafeteria.

School will open for students Aug.31. An open

house will be held on Aug. 30 with food trucks available for families. The elementary school session is from 4-5:30 p.m., the middle school and high school session is 4:45-6:15 p.m.

Chromebook pick up, fee payment and schedule pick up for grades 7-12 will take place: Aug. 24, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; Aug. 25, 2-7 p.m., and Aug. 26, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Middle school students can pick up their schedules, pay fees, tour the building and put things in their locker August 24-26.

Tinora Saturday School was approved with Joyce Wachtman and JoAnn Meyer as monitors. Monitor reimbursement is \$65 per Tinora Saturday School. The programs will meet on an “as needed” basis, not to exceed one meeting per week. Saturday school will be every other Saturday from 8 a.m.-noon.

Staff members approved as after school detention monitors for the 2021-22 school year at a tutoring rate of \$25.36 not to exceed one hour per session are Tammy Harr, Larissa Florence, Chris Risner, Jeff Harris and Karl Schrag.

The board also approved to pay the tutoring rate of \$25.36 per hour for any hours outside their contracted school day for the

following: 2021-22 local professional development committee (paid members): Christine Wonderly, Tammy Harr and Traci Flory; and 2021-22 local professional development committee (non-paid members): Eric Tipton and Nicole Wells.

Field house workers were approved for the 2021-22 school year at a rate of \$12 per hour: Mondays and Wednesdays, Nick Siewert (in winter, Kenny Krouse); Tuesdays and Thursdays, Amanda Westhoven. Community hours are 7-9 p.m. Workers are Mondays, Spencer Barcewicz; Tuesdays, Katie Weber; and Thursdays, Jason Stein; and substitute, Sebastian Rue. The fall schedule for the after school hours is 3:30-5 p.m.

Sports workers approved for the 2021-22 school year are: announcer, \$20 per game, Gene Sugg; scoreboard operators, \$10 per game, Chris Gentit and Ted Penner, Sebastian Rue for middle school volleyball; scorebook, \$10 per game, Barb Wiechers; ticket seller, \$20 per game, Charlene Liska; and video camera, \$10 per game, Eric Spiller and Roger McKelvey.

The board authorized the treasurer to act on behalf of the board to enter into a base lease and lease-purchase arrangement with such

lessor as shall provide the most advantageous terms for the Tinora Performing Arts Center facility for the sum not to exceed \$6 million plus closing fees. Wells anticipates receiving 6 to 8 proposals for consideration. The board also gave approval for a furniture package for the Tinora Performing Arts Center not to exceed \$35,000.

Nafziger recognized three students who received awards through Future Farmers of America (FFA). Megan Hancock received a gold rating in swine proficiency, with a ranking in the top 15. Trent Wiemken and Tyler Wiemken each received a bronze rating for science fair projects ranking in the top 15.

The middle school will once again implement the 7-Mindsets. This is a social and emotional learning program focused on mindsets that lead to a happy and successful life. There are 10 social and emotional learning competencies.

Elementary school principal Eric Tipton thanked the custodial and maintenance staffs for the cleaning

of the school in preparation for the school year. Tipton also thanked the elementary PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) for the monetary donation to help with the expense of replacing the green safety surface on the elementary school playground. He also thanked the board members for approving the project and helping to finance it.

Class rosters will be available Aug. 23. School pictures are scheduled for Sept. 10. The PTO cookie dough fundraiser will run through Sept. 17-Oct. 1. Delivery will be on Oct. 11.

Auction of the former Noble School property will take place Sept. 2 at 5:30 p.m. This is for 4.180 acres of bare land currently zoned residential. Those with questions may contact Brent Joost of ReMax Realty of Defiance at 419-784-3029.

In other action, the board members:

- accepted with gratitude the donations of masks and school supplies for the Backpack Buddy program from Dick and Cheryl Buchhop, school supplies from Tracy Ondrejko,

and folders from DeTray Chiropractic.

• approved two overnight trips for the Future Farmers of America (FFA), the national convention Oct. 27-30 in Indianapolis, Ind., and the state FFA Convention May 4-6 in Columbus

• approved an agreement with the Wood County Juvenile Detention Center of Northwest Ohio for the 2021-22.

• approved an increase of \$500 to the athletic director’s change fund to bring the total to \$2,000 at the request of Craig Rutter.

• approved middle school athletic passes, family, \$135 (good for parents and children grades K-12); adult single, \$50; and student single, \$35.

• heard new Green Meadows Conference (GMC) banners have been hung in the gymnasium to reflect conference realignment. Paulding replacing Holgate which exited.

• approved FMLA leave for Sarah Bostelman effective October 2021, and the supplemental position of Brooklyn Miller as resident educator year 2.

COURT RESULTS

Putnam Common Pleas

Celso Ramirez, 21, Continental, appeared for sentencing on charges of failure to comply with the order or signal of a police officer, a third-degree felony; and OVI, a first-degree misdemeanor. He was placed on community control for two years with conditions, including that he serve

120 days in Putnam County Jail with credit for 104 days served in jail while his case was pending and complete recommended counseling and treatment programs.

Erin Douglas, 30, Kenton, pleaded guilty to complicity in the commission of an offense, a third-degree felony. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and her bond was continued. Sentencing was

scheduled for Sept. 13.

Alisia Garza, 31, Ashtabula, pleaded guilty to aggravated possession of drugs, a fifth-degree felony; assault, a fifth-degree felony; and two counts of aggravated menacing, each a first-degree misdemeanor. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and her bond was continued. Sentencing was scheduled for Sept. 23.

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS CHRISTI WATER SYSTEM, INC. PUCO CASE NO. 20-1428-WW-AIR

LEGAL NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) has scheduled a local public hearing in Case No. 20-1428-WW-AIR, In the Matter of the Application of Christi Water System, Inc. for an Increase in Rates and Charges. This local hearing is scheduled for the purpose of providing an opportunity to interested members of the public to testify in this proceeding. The local hearing will be held at the following time and location: September 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at the Northtowne Mall, 1500 North Clinton Street, Defiance, Ohio 43512. Consistent with CDC Guidelines and the May 17, 2021 Ohio Department of Health Order, unless otherwise specified by the facility, individuals who are not fully vaccinated should continue to wear a face covering and socially distance. Please contact the legal department at 614-466-6843 to ask any questions or request accommodations related to health protocols.

By its application, Christi Water System, Inc. (Christi) seeks a rate and charge increase under a new, consolidated rate structure. According to a Commission staff analysis, under the rates and terms proposed by Christi, a customer using 400 cubic feet (c.f.) of water would see a bill increase of approximately 70 percent. The current rates include base rates established in Case No. 09-569-WW-AIR and purchase water rate last updated in Case No. 15-423-WW-PWA, respectively.

The staff of the Commission recommends the proposed rate structure be rejected and recommends an increase over current revenue of 35.8 percent. Under the staff developed rates, a customer using 400 c.f. of water would see a bill increase of approximately 34.6 percent.

The major issues raised in this case are:

- The rate structure and tariff language.
- The determination of revenues and operating expenses.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, the Commission’s hotline at 1-800-686-7826, or the PUCO website at <http://www.puco.ohio.gov>.

A very sincere “Thank You” and God’s Blessing”

to all the great volunteer help from our Parish family, our fantastic patrons, our supportive sponsors, and donating businesses listed below. The 117th Festival was a wonderful success. The Lord blessed us with a perfect day, and we were blessed by all of you. May God smile upon you and bless you.

- St. Michael’s Festival Committee and Father Melwin Dsouza

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and to all of those we may have inadvertently missed

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Summary: Legal Notice Copies of Legal Notices place in local Newspaper electronically filed by Mr. Kent Beilharz on behalf of Christi Water System, Inc