

Citizens Comments: 5/10/21

**Jan Schmidt** – 20393 W. Good Hope Rd. Can the Police report be available to citizens, is their a reason we cant know what is going on? Park employees hours have been cut. There is a lot of work that needs to be done and it is going to cost the Village more money when you hire more people. She asked the chair of the committee and he responded with it will be handled and he hung up on her and as a trustee that is unacceptable. She would like an appropriate answer on how this will be handled.

Ron Nellis: Can Police reports be made available to general public legally, & if so, can extra copies be put on entrance table? (going to put on website – bk)  
Disciplinary actions completed satisfactorily to all involved.  
Tree lights – Brenda – Was there actual lights given or a Check? (they were purchased by car show – bk)

I would assume this is Public Record so a standard Public Records Request should do.  
Park employee's hours have been cut. There is a lot of work that needs to be done and it is going to cost the Village more money when you hire more people. If people get hired to replace the hours of a regular employee it does not in fact cost the Village more money, the money just goes elsewhere. If a citizen calls me and is disrespectful and uses profanity I will disengage from the conversation as well and I do not think this Trustee's actions were inappropriate. 2 years ago I volunteered my time and equipment to try to help Dennis hang these lights but my 45' truck would not reach as far as needed. Dennis and I determined we would likely need 2 large trucks to install these lights. If the Village wants to spend \$500-1000 to install these lights it should be brought to the budget committee or the Board for action in my opinion. I am surprised that Jan is not aware of this since Dennis is her husband Patrick Yates

the disciplinary actions have been resolved. I spoke to Jan, per Patrick's request, regarding the Christmas tree lights. She stated that if Patrick's equipment is not able to reach the top of the tree, that we should hire someone who is able to reach it. However, she is not using her car show funds to pay for it. Kelly Jensen

Discipline resolved  
Working on Christmas light issue  
Working on police reports is this legal? Don Sommers

Police reports are available to the citizens of the village by filling out a public records request and submitting it to the village clerks office or the police chief. The parks committee is in the process of filling the hours needed to maintain the grass cutting and other maintenance needed for the village. If a citizen calls any board member up to make his or her concerns heard, they have the responsibility to do so in a respectful way and not use profanity towards the board member. If profanity was used towards myself by a citizen, I would also terminate the conversation with the citizen I would suggest the parks committee look into the lights being added to the tree for this upcoming year. If the abolition of stringing the lights is a issue, due to lack of proper equipment available to do so, then we would have to look into the cost of hiring a company that would have the proper equipment to do the job and factor the cost. Steve Reek

Police reports are available to everyone through an open records request. You can come to the Village Hall and submit a request for records. There may be some associated fees with these record retrievals and copies but they are available to the public. Amy Martin

**Anna Robe** – 21890 B N Weather Edge Circle. She was disappointed that Jan couldn't speak at the Plan Commission meeting and was told she couldn't speak because it wasn't citizen comments but yet Mr. Newman was able to talk at any time, also Mr. Sommers responded with "I" for everything. Shouldn't it be "we?"

Because Mr. Newman has been involved in the Village of Lannon as a Trustee, Village President, Planning Commission, & member of other Committees. His knowledge of why, what, & how things were done in the past is sometimes needed by current members of the above to make informed decisions pertaining to current proceedings.

President Sommers on use of I or we just takes time to adjust - Ron Nellis

All looks good, except the only thing I would add is to say that Anna Robe's concern's are valid about Newman talking whenever he wants, so I myself don't agree with the answer given. There are other former presidents, trustees, and committee members too, and if they all came to every meeting and spoke without following rules of order there wouldn't be much order. Newman's and other former members' input can always be given to any or all trustees at any time other than out of order at meetings. Eric Barbieri

Personally I think that our public comments period is allowed to get rather unruly at times and we could do better at controlling it. It is not meant to be a dialogue between citizens or with the Board except for the recommendations from the board as outlined in the agenda. Occasionally Mr. Newman is asked direct questions on matters that he has particular knowledge of but outside of being asked he should not be commenting either. If it were up to me each citizen would get ONE chance to express their comments and then sit quietly and listen. Patrick Yates

Mr. Newman has far more knowledge regarding the Village and the rules in which we should be operating than most of the prior Presidents and trustees. I believe that he should be allowed to speak at times, but only if asked to do so. In addition, I agree that Don Sommers will be getting better as he gains experience. Kelly Jensen

Jerry news has been involved in Lannon for most of his life he is an excellent source of info. Jerry was involved in the water and sewer for all of these projects Jerry had an engineering background. I feel his comments serve as a guide for us that we need to use wisely. As for I I live next to the Sawalls development and it directly affects me and the previous board did nothing to help any issues my neighbors and I had. This was also my first board meeting as president and I will be more cautious going forward. Don Sommers

Mr Newman has been a village board member years prior and has vast knowledge of the community. Many times he is called upon for his input by the board. I feel that as long as he is called upon or asked by the board, he is free to provide input, otherwise Mr Newman should no comment openly during meetings. Steve Reek

**Joan Daley** – Dugout. Regarding the water situation to hook up, and was told she needs to have 3 water hookups and she has a good well. She has one municipal sewer hook up, and has been paying for 2 hookups for her two buildings. Would like her money back and plus the grant money. Jan Schmidt – Christmas tree lights need to be added to the tree. Nothing has been done and would like the rest put on since she donated them to the Village.

Should ask Ben Wood how many hookups and what if anything can be done – Ron Nellis

Each structure with restrooms gets charged a sewer fee as far as I know but Ben should be able to clarify the specifics regarding this property. I would request the same from Ben regarding the 3 hookups. I think this resident might be confusing getting billed at 3 RECs with 3 hookups. Patrick Yates

I am concerned about the question. As of right now, I am aware of two residents who have been put in this position. How many people do we have who are, or who have been being charged incorrectly? As the building owned by Joan Daily only has one meter. All of the service goes through the main building and is served by this main meter. There should have only been one rec being charged. We need to address this problem, because as I stated, I believe this may be something that is going to come up in more situations with additional residents. Kelly Jensen

working on this. Don Sommers

I would refer Joan to village engineer to village engineer Ben Wood. Steve Reek

**Scorsone** – 19446 W. Main St. President Sommers read comment into the record. Rocks covered on front lawn, utilities were put in and their yard is a mess. Dirt and filth on everything. They are unable to cut their lawn in the front area by the road.

Ask Ben Wood if the contractor has done clean up or any other remedial actions? Ron Nellis

I would suggest we have Isak from Strand or Stacy Orr from Sawall investigate this and remedy any lingering disturbed ground. Patrick Yates

I ended up having a conversation with this resident regarding the damage to their property. They are justified in their request for the damage to be repaired by Sawall. I believe that Mr. Sommers spoke with both the residents and Sawall, and that they were able to find a solution. Kelly Jensen

Met with Stacy from Sawalls he has hired a landscaper to repair damage to be done by 6-4 earlier if possible depending on weather. Dust complaint has some new equipment will be working on this issue till project is completed. Don Sommers

I would contact Stacy Orr from Sawall to investigate the issue and come up with a plan of action. It would probably be beneficial for Isaac from Strant engineering to also be involved. Steve Reek

**Kimberly Hasis** – Lannon Estates – worried about the take over of the well and the money they will be charged.

Trustee Yates spoke with them directly about concerns, & rumors – Ron Nellis

**David Hasis** – Lannon Estates – We are gathering information and would appreciate talking to someone at some time regarding the well situation. Our current well is healthy. They are being told it is being taken over by Lannon and they will be charged a lot of money and would like to know for what. There are a lot of rumors. They were told it is for new development. Did you consider any of the 160 residents that live there. Seeing a lot of abuse. Hope that doesn't come from Board members, will take whatever action is necessary. He is raising his family and he cares. He wants real information and a long term plan. Get the citizens the answers.

At the meeting I gave Mr and Mrs Hassis my contact information and indicated that I would follow up with them. I spoke with them briefly after the meeting, followed up with an email 2 days later and then followed that up with a call a few days after that. I had some further discussions with Mr. Hassis and told him he can contact me any time if he wanted to discuss the impacts to Lannon Estates further. I think their community will benefit the most from the expansion in the end but they are clearly getting some differing information. One of the most common misconceptions in Lannon Estates is that the Village has anything to do with their final water charges. We will charge the property owners based on the rates governed by the PSC but what the owner charges is out of the Village's control. Patrick Yates

I believe that Patrick handled this. Kelly Jensen

addressed this. Don Sommers

Mr Yates has spent time with them to explain the well situation and answered their questions regarding the water in the Mobil home park. Steve Reek

**Jim Willard** – 19953 Overstone Dr. Feels that Ben has been unjustly villainized for his discussion and findings. He has done a great job in finding the grants, they are only available for a limited time. He serves at the leisure of the board. Assessment ratio is raising. Look at the ruling to cap the wells. Overstone bills for water was a lot. Nobody has looked at that cost of watering or using the well for external use. Amend that with the USDA. They did have a draft but it was denied by the Board

Board is seeking the input of Neighboring municipalities well abandonment programs to see what other practices, & policies are out there. Ron Nellis

I totally agree! Assessment ratio is raising. Yes, housing values are rising fast. Assessment disputes can be filed for review by the Board of Review annually. The village clerk can provide further details on that process. Look at the ruling to cap the wells. This has been an ongoing topic of discussion and is being looked at again. Patrick Yates

The Village is checking into what procedures are currently being used in municipalities around us. The costs to any residents that are going to be using the municipal water supply to water their yards, wash cars, etc., is going to be extremely high. Keeping of wells should be made available to our residents, however, not at the costs that are being discussed currently. Hopefully we can find some middle ground in this discussion. As the projected costs that were recently given to the residents is nothing short of financially forcing them to abandon their safe, clean wells. For residents who do have the need for water, this should also be made an option. Kelly Jensen

village is checking surrounding areas. Don Sommers

Yes, Mr Wood has had his name and reputation trashed on the “water concerns” social media page by Lannon citizens. Mr woods has worked tediously to help create a feasible water system for the village at the least impactful manner possible. Yes, the housing market has been booming for the last few years. Property values are going up across the board. All properties are being effected by this. The board has been considering alternatives to the ordnance, and is currently reviewing what neighboring communities have done. Steve Reek

**Jan Schmidt** – The board did not change the USDA grant, Tom Gudex changed that.

This statement is false. Patrick Yates

This statement is false and is a fabricated lie. Steve Reek

**Mike Grim**- W. Good Hope Rd. Clerk read the comments into the record.

Mr Grimms comments were not provided for review but I do recall one item regarding the water. I believe he said something to the effect of “Get it done” We are! Patrick Yates

Regarding the comment read by Brenda. The trustee that is involved in the situation between the Village and the residents, has already had a conversation with Hector regarding what is legal in this situation. I will be recusing myself when it is necessary. As far as the water project and “just getting it done.” There are aspects to this that can’t be discussed legally right now. Kelly Jensen

Noise complaint at sawalls 4am was a rental company swapping out wrong equipment unknown to Sawalls Stacy handled this issue and is working with a few other complaints. Don Sommers