## Ottoville OKs \$12K for water meter device

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AutoRead for \$12,069.

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OTTOVILLE — Board of Public Affairs member Phil Hilvers presented a quote to council members for the purchase of a new Sensus AutoRead water meter reading device, software and support during the village council meeting Monday evening.	
BPA members originally spoke with council about purchasing the new equipment at September's council meeting and explained the benefits of the system. BPA member Dan Honigford said the handheld reader records the serial number of the meter and takes the reading of 100 meters at a time. After reading the data, it is uploaded and there is no handwritten information. In addition, the system won't charge a homeowner twice and notifies the user of missed meters and flags high- usage levels. Honigford said the handheld reader currently in use only takes eight readings and then the results have to be handwritten.	
Given the benefits of upgrading, council agreed to approve the purchase of the Sensus	

Hilvers also reported in last month's meeting that the village's water towers were recently inspected. The 1,000-gallon tower was found to be in good shape and the 2,000-gallon tower is in need of interior and exterior painting. He said the paint was flaking off and needs attention. Hilvers said BPA members are still working on getting quotes for the painting of the towers so they have a plan of action and can get the painting completed before the next inspection.

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Also attending the meeting was Jon Fortman of Fortman Insurance in Ottawa who discussed renewal of the Village employees' health insurance. During last month's meeting, Fortman explained employee benefits, renewal options and the effect of the Affordable Care Act on the insured. Council explored varying healthcare providers and has until Friday to make a provider choice.

In Monday's nights meeting, council unanimously accepted the renewal with Medical Mutual as presented.

In financial news, council members approved the transfer of \$2,000 from the General Fund to Water Reserve and \$3,000 from General Fund to Sewer Reserve.

Maintenance Supervisor Barry Koester presented a quote to council for a zero turn mower with a deck to trade in to J. L. Wannemacher Sales for a Simplicity Cobalt at a trade cost of \$1,895.

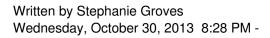
Council was informed that the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) application that was submitted by Brian Goubeaux from Choice One Engineering in September for sewer lining Auglaize Street sanitary line — with a price tag of \$50,000-\$75,000 — is in the running to be funded. Grant funds will be awarded later in the month.

In August, council approved getting estimates for and potentially purchasing an additional 17 LED (light-emitting diode) street lights for Main and northwest Elm Streets. Mayor Ron Miller said there was a substantial decrease in the village's electric costs since installing the first phase of the installation which included 16 new LED street lights and four meters.

After tracking the kilowatt usage of the lights and determining the energy cost savings the past six months, the village acquired sufficient data to analyze the system's energy efficiency and has chosen to install a second phase of lighting. The new LED street lights for North West Canal Street will be delivered this week and installed by maintenance personnel.

The proposal on personal property insurance for the Village from Public Entities Pool at a cost of \$15,384 for the next year was presented to council for renewal and passed with a majority

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vote.

Council also approved selling used fire hydrants for \$100 each. A liability waiver will be presented to each buyer.

The next village council meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Nov. 25 in council chambers.