

Abrupt resignation leaves village in a quandary

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Brady village board members spent several days in rotating shifts to manually operate the town's sewer system pump approximately every two hours since the sounding unit sensor went out last week.

That duty would normally fall under the utilities superintendent's responsibilities but since Keith Wagnitz suddenly resigned effective immediately on Jan. 28, board members have taken over many parts of the job.

During a special emergency meeting on Jan. 31, the village hired Bob Frederickson as a full-time temporary employee to replace Wagnitz but since Frederickson had neither background nor training in the sewer system, trustees offered to jump in.

It took several days to receive replacement parts for the pump.

Trustees discussed the sewer system situation and utilities superintendent position again during their regular monthly meeting on Feb. 9.

With advisement from village attorney Steve Vinton, the board decided it is not necessary to advertise the open position unless members intend to hire someone from outside the village who is already a certified water operator.

"I don't think we're going to be able to pay that kind of salary," trustee Jeff Miller said.

So the village will accept resumes from those interested until 5 p.m. on Feb. 17. At that time, trustees will have a special meeting to discuss applicants.

In the meantime,

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