

SANITARY/WATERWORKS DISTRICT MEETING
ST. JOHN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MAIN MEETING ROOM
10955 WEST 93RD AVENUE, ST. JOHN, INDIANA
March 17, 2008 - 6:00 P.M.

Mr. Myers called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Robert Myers, President; Alex Monanteras, Vice-President; Kenneth Gembala, Member; Michael Hanlon, Member; Patricia Sims-Smierciak, Member; Pete Faberbock, Robinson Engineering; Bob Pharazyn, Public Works Director; Randy Wyllie, Attorney and Sherry Sury, Clerk-Treasurer. Absent was Jerri Teibel, Town Council Liaison.

Approval of the minutes – Regular Meeting of February 18, 2008 – Mr. Monanteras motioned to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 18, 2008. Seconded by Mr. Hanlon. Motion unanimously passed.

SANITARY DISTRICT

Old Business

LS#1 – Update – Mr. Pharazyn referenced the letter he provided to the Board that addressed the issue of capacity that was discussed at the last study session, provided an update and stated that the final plans were reviewed. He stated that there are a few modifications but for all intense purposes, they are ready to seek authorization to advertise for bids and the need to work out the issue of money. There are approximately 117 taps available at the lift station and referenced the conversation he had with the Town Manager and Town Council President regarding the project status and cost. Mr. Monanteras asked if the subject of a bond of some type to repay the Sanitary District come up in the conversation. Mr. Pharazyn stated that it did. Mr. Myers referenced the \$1.5 million lent to the Council about a year ago and the letter of agreement regarding repayment, as it was their intent that this money was to be used for this project. Mr. Myers suggested that a letter be sent to Steve Kil and the Council advising them that this is what the money was to be used for and to request a meeting regarding the status of repayment including starting the process for a bond. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Wyllie stated that he heard from Mr. Muenich and he is prepared to deed the property.

Mr. Myers stated that he is going to have Steve Carter come in and provide a brief overlay of what's going on and to ensure that his anticipations are not falling short. Discussion ensued.

Interceptor to Schererville – Update – Mr. Faberbock reported that the peer review is complete for the permits and that Mr. Wyllie has received the additional temporary easements that are required north of Route 30. Discussion ensued and Mr. Pharazyn stated that he would have his staff send a letter to the residents. Mr. Monanteras mentioned that any charges that are part of the 36" transmission line should be paid through the Wastewater Treatment Fund including the engineering and adjustments need to be made, if warranted. Discussion ensued.

Recapture Agreement fees (both districts) – Mr. Myers mentioned that Mr. Wieser and Mr. Wyllie sent a letter to Mr. Austgen and the response they received was that Mr. Austgen is going to re-write the ordinance for them. Mr. Wyllie stated that he spoke with Mr. Austgen today and was advised that he is still working on the response for the recapture agreement and Grants of Rights. Mr. Wyllie stated that he asked Mr. Austgen the status of the system development fees and was advised to send him a reminder because he needs to set up a public hearing. Discussion ensued.

Water & Sanitary system development fees (both districts) – See above item.

Grants of Right – Water/Sewer – Extension of time period – Olthof Homes – Mr. Wyllie stated that Mr. Pharazyn gave him the revisions, which he made and sent to Mr. Olthof. Mr. Pharazyn stated that he spoke with Joe at Olthof and he has not had a chance to review the document.

New Business – None

PAYMENT OF BILLS - #2025 - #2036 for \$19,455.94 for Sanitary District & WW Utility #6071 - #6106 for \$562,425.90 - Mr. Monanteras motioned to pay bill payment memos #2025 - #2036 for \$19,455.94 for the Sanitary District and for Wastewater Utilities #6071 - #6106 for \$562,425.90 with the condition that the one item related to the transmission line that was paid be transferred to the WWTP fund. Seconded by Ms. Sims-Smierciak. Motion unanimously passed.

Any and all business that may come before the Board – None

Public Comment – None

WATERWORKS DISTRICT

Old Business

Lotton – Water Improvements Update – Gates of St. John – Mr. Pharazyn stated that he has not met with Mr. Lotton regarding the 50/50 split agreement and the 70/30 agreement as Mr. Lotton was on vacation last week and would not have a chance to review this before tonight's meeting. Mr. Pharazyn stated that Jennifer, Robinson Engineering, is working with the architectural firm on a proposal to redo the drawings as discussed.

Mr. Pharazyn stated that Jennifer brought him the draft version of the contract book and would like approval to advertise this project for bid so he can recommend an award at the April meeting. He also referenced his conversation with Steve Carter, the timeframe for delivery and payment to be late November. **Mr. Monanteras motioned to approve the advertisement for bid on the water filters subject to Mr. Lotton's signature on both contracts prepared by Mr. Wyllie. Seconded by Ms. Sims-Smierciak. Motion unanimously passed.**

Mr. Myers asked the status of the water tower. Mr. Pharazyn reported the progress and stated that the tank will be raised on the 26th of this month and that it may be delayed a couple of days due to weather. He also said there were three things that were not done or put in that they were leaving in the water treatment project in the hopes that

somebody else would pay for it. That is: #1, a sprinkler system, #2, the landscaping and #3, a backup generator; this was not put in because they knew the power would be coming from the treatment plant and the plant would have a backup generator. The district spent their million and Lotton was to spend \$1.1 million, the award amount for the project was \$2,039,000. He stated that he asked Jennifer to speak to Caldwell and prepare a change order for the costs associated with the installation of a very small generator for backup and to also put them in contact with one of the local landscaper's that they use on a regular basis and prepare a change order for landscaping. He added they are responsible to put a sidewalk on that corner and will have it installed via a change order so Lotton will spend their portion. Mr. Monanteras mentioned that Mr. Lotton will spend \$1.1 million and his amount is capped at that amount. Discussion ensued.

Meter change over/replacement program – Mr. Pharazyn distributed a handout pertaining to the need for this change over, referenced the 138 meters that are 13 years of age, the ones that need to be researched and also to look into the radios that are attached to meters. He provided background information of the different meters installed in town and the estimated project cost of under \$500,000 was discussed. Discussion ensued. Mr. Myers stated that he would discuss this project with Mr. Carter.

New Business

Mr. Gembala inquired as to the status of the easement on Rte. 41, the well site; discussion ensued and Mr. Pharazyn stated that he would follow up on this. This item is to be placed back on the agenda.

Mr. Pharazyn asked permission to purchase water bottles for his annual grade school presentation; they will cost about \$3,800.00. Discussion ensued and permission for the purchase was approved.

PAYMENT OF BILLS - #3024 - #3031 for \$15,933.55 for Waterworks District and #4116 - #4156 for \$131,859.58 for Water Utility – Mr. Hanlon motioned to pay bill payment memos #3024 - #3031 for \$15,933.55 for the Waterworks District and #4116 - #4156 for \$131,859.58 for the Water Utility. **Seconded by Mr. Monanteras. Motion unanimously passed.**

Any and all business that may come before the Board – None

Public Comment – None

Adjournment – Mr. Monanteras motioned to adjourn the meeting. **Seconded by Mr. Hanlon. Motion unanimously passed.** Meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Attest:

/s/ Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer