

SANITARY/WATERWORKS DISTRICT MEETING
ST. JOHN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MAIN MEETING ROOM
10955 WEST 93RD AVENUE, ST. JOHN, INDIANA
October 19, 2009 - 6:00 P.M.

Mr. Myers called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Robert Myers, President; Kenneth Gembala, Vice-President; Michael Hanlon, Member; Patricia Sims-Smierciak, Member; Pete Faberbock, Robinson Engineering; Steve Kil, Town Manager; Randy Wyllie, Attorney; Michael Forbes, Town Council Liaison and Sherry Sury, Clerk-Treasurer.

SANITARY DISTRICT

Old Business

Interceptor to Schererville – update – Mr. Faberbock stated that he presented the Town of Schererville with the Rule of Five Notice, they just have to sign off on it and then he will submit it to IDEM. The contractor is just waiting for approval. Robinson Engineering also has to write a letter to the Town of Schererville, stating that the contractor will not follow the installation guidelines submitted, as part of Robinson's construction specifications for the placement of the flume when pouring the concrete. They are supposed to pour it in 6 inch lifts, the contractor feels he can do that in 12 inch lifts or greater as long as the flume itself doesn't float. Robinson is going to leave the means and methods to the contractor, and make the recommendation that it be followed. If it is not installed correctly they will have to tear it up and start again.

He also discussed a school crossing at 77th Avenue that they are proposing to open cut. The Town of Schererville is okay with them open cutting the roadway as long as they do it when school is out. They are going to propose the Christmas break time frame. Another option he recommended is they close the road from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. during the school day which would give the contractor enough time to get across the roadway but he has not heard back from Schererville.

Biennial Rate Study Progress – Mr. Myers stated that he has sent numerous e-mails including one last week, to Bob Volkmann who promised Mr. Myers he would get back to him at the end of last week (or the week before). Mr. Myers does not know what the problem is and stated that he may go to their Water Board meeting to find out why they can't get an answer or a counter offer to their proposal.

Status of PILT – Mr. Myers stated that he e-mailed everyone the proposal Karl Cender sent. Mr. Cender is essentially saying there is not enough money in the sanitary fund to cover a PILT payment and believes there is enough money in the water fund to cover a \$95,500 PILT payment. Mr. Myers stated that he thinks Mr. Cender is overestimating on the system development charges. Mr. Kil interjected that this does not have to be done immediately; they have time to look at it and speak with Mr. Cender.

Mr. Kil confirmed that the first few years of the PILT payment would be the Town repaying their loan to the district. Mr. Forbes added that he also thought the intent of the PILT was to pay the district back.

Status of WWTP – Interlocal Agreement – Mr. Myers stated that this is also something he has e-mailed Mr. Volkmann about and has not had a response.

Adoption of Ordinance #SD100 – 2010 Budget for Sanitary District Operating & Sanitary District Bond & Interest - Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to approve Ordinance #SD100. Seconded by Mr. Hanlon. Motion unanimously passed.

New Business

Ordinance #SD101 – 2009 Salary Ordinance Amendment – Mr. Wyllie stated that this is to remove the job description, just eliminating the one line item on the ordinance that was passed last year. **Mr. Gembala motioned to consider Ordinance #SD101 on first reading. Seconded by Mr. Hanlon. Motion unanimously passed.**

Mr. Gembala motioned to adopt Ordinance #SD101. Seconded by Ms. Sims-Smierciak. Motion unanimously passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS - #2089 - #2095 for \$21,825.04 for Sanitary District & WW Utility #6296 - #6332 for \$161,651.20 – Discussion ensued on who is checking the invoices to ensure sewer and water are charged correctly. Mr. Kil stated that Joan is in his office daily to discuss the invoices. **Mr. Hanlon motioned to pay bill payment memos #2089 - #2095 for \$21,825.04 for the Sanitary District and for Wastewater Utility #6296 - #6332 for \$161,651.20. 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 Caldwell Tank Discussion – Mr. Wyllie stated that he brought a copy of the complaint, the lawsuit that was filed on September 28th and asked Ms. Sury to distribute a copy to everyone.

Project update – Water Treatment Plant / Well – Mr. Faberbock stated that they poured the basement walls and they are getting ready to pour the slab over the top.

Partial Pay #1 in the amount of \$107,952.30 – Thieneman Construction - Mr. Gembala motioned to pay the Partial Pay #1 in the amount of \$107,952.30 to Thieneman Construction. Seconded by Mr. Hanlon. Motion unanimously passed.

Status of easement issue for well on Route 41 – (Ownership of Marian Shrine easement parcels) Mr. Wyllie stated that he brought the invoice from Chicago Title and provided an overview of the appraisal and offer process. Discussion ensued. **Mr. Hanlon motioned to pay the \$730.00 invoice for Chicago Title. Seconded by Ms. Sims-Smierciak. Motion unanimously passed.**

Status of meter change over program – Mr. Kil stated that there are five meters yet to be replaced. Discussion ensued regarding the use of clips on the meters at a cost of \$100.00 each or the replacements themselves along with the need to budget next year for the meter replacement program.

Verizon site work – Approve Agreement - Mr. Gembala motioned to approve the agreement. Seconded by Ms. Sims-Smierciak. Motion unanimously passed.

Adoption of Ordinance #WD67 – 2010 Budget for Waterworks District Operating - Mr. Hanlon motioned to adopt Ordinance #WD67 – 2010 Budget for Waterworks District Operating. Seconded by Ms. Sims-Smierciak. Motion unanimously passed.

Backflow Prevention Program – Sprinkle Meters – Mr. Kil stated that there is a proposed ordinance prepared by Mr. Wyllie and it is in the District member's package for their review and comment.

New Business

Ordinance #WD68 – 2009 Salary Ordinance Amendment - Mr. Gembala motioned to consider Ordinance #WD68 – 2009 Salary Ordinance Amendment on first reading. Seconded by Mr. Hanlon. Motion unanimously passed.

Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to approve Ordinance #WD68 – 2009 Salary Ordinance Amendment. Seconded by Mr. Hanlon. Motion unanimously passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS - #3071 - #3082 for \$19,789.18 for Waterworks District and #4528 - #4588 for \$307,464.97 for Water Utility - Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to pay bill payment memos #3071 - #3082 for \$19,789.18 for the Waterworks District and #4528 - #4588 for \$307,464.97 for the Water Utility. Seconded by Mr. Gembala. Motion unanimously passed.

Any and all business that may come before the Board

Ms. Sury and Mr. Kil referenced a problem that was discovered at a resident's home where the main water meter and the sprinkler meter were both billing water usage for the sprinkling system. The problem has been corrected. Ms. Sury said a refund is due to Oltoff Builders for \$3,366.94 and the refund for the resident for the 2009 billing cycle a credit of \$217.92 that will be credited to their account. There is also a refund due for 2008 billing. Also, during this time there was a problem with the water softener and the water softener company paid the water bill for this resident, discussion ensued including reimbursement to the company.

Mr. Kil stated that at this time of year there is an extraordinary amount of calls to come out and shut off the sprinkling meters. The Town only charges \$5.00 to do this; in the spring they go and turn the meters back on and charge \$5.00; by doing this way the resident avoids the minimum bill. Mr. Kil suggested that they raise the price to the \$50.00 charge that is charged for other services. Discussion ensued regarding a policy to be instituted that will be discussed further in the next study session.

Derwin mentioned they are having problems with B boxes in the older homes, discussion ensued and Mr. Myers referenced a different type of tool they can use to open the B box.

Mr. Faberbock stated that as part of the stimulus project on Joliet Street they are doing a storm sewer and are going to auger underneath the railroad tracks to do the storm sewer. They are also going to move and replace the water main along Joliet and that has been broken down into four phases, the first phase is U.S. 41 to Thielen. Mr. Faberbock stated that there are additional costs to the project and has gotten quotes to auger the 24" pipe. Discussion ensued. Mr.

Faberbock stated that the work would be done next year and wanted to advise the board of this project and the anticipated costs.

Public Comment – None

Adjournment – Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Gembala. Motion unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

ATTEST:

/s/ Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer