

**SANITARY/WATERWORKS DISTRICT MEETING**  
AND TOWN COUNCIL STUDY SESSION  
ST. JOHN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MAIN MEETING ROOM  
10955 WEST 93<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE, ST. JOHN, INDIANA  
January 18, 2010 - 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; Kenneth Gembala, Vice-President; Michael Hanlon, Member; Patricia Sims-Smierciak, Member; Frank Bradtke, Member; Pete Faberbock, Robinson Engineering; Steve Kil, Town Manager; Randy Wyllie, Attorney; Michael Forbes, Town Council Liaison and Sherry Sury, Clerk-Treasurer. Also in attendance was Police Chief Fred Frego.

Mr. Myers welcomed Mr. Frank Bradtke the new Board member.

**Election of Officers – Both Districts**

Mr. Myers opened the floor to nominations for President. **Mr. Gembala motioned to nominate Mr. Myers for President of the 2010 Board and to close nominations. Seconded by Ms. Sims- Smierciak. Motion unanimously passed.**

Mr. Myers opened the floor to nominations for Vice-President. **Ms. Sims- Smierciak motioned to have Mr. Gembala remain as Vice-President and to close the nominations. Seconded by Mr. Hanlon. Motion unanimously passed.**

**Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to approve the Election of Officers. Seconded by Mr. Hanlon. Motion unanimously passed.**

**SANITARY DISTRICT**

**Old Business**

**Interceptor to Schererville – update** – Mr. Faberbock stated that they are getting ready to cross 77<sup>th</sup> Avenue; he has been working with Schererville trying to get a Road Cut Permit, it looks like they are going to pass that the Contractor work on Saturdays. If not Saturday, the Contractor would do the work on the 30<sup>th</sup>. The Contractor would rather do it on a Saturday than try to get the road open by 2:00 P.M. for the schools.

**New Business**

Mr. Myers stated that he would like to hold off on the next two items until the February meeting, they just received the contracts, and he doesn't believe there will be a problem with them. The contracts are in the member's packets for their review.

**Legal Services Agreement for 2010 – Wieser & Wyllie** – See above

**Proposal of Robinson Engineering for 2010 Services to Board** – See above

**Request of Police Department – Vehicle use** – Mr. Myers referenced the request the Board received from the Police Department to use the 2008 Dodge Durango that is sitting in the Public Works shop that Water and Sanitary each paid 50% for. Discussion ensued. Chief Frego stated

that they used the vehicle once before during inclement weather as the Crown Vic's couldn't get around. Due to the current financial situation everyone is in, they are unable to purchase any vehicles. The unmarked vehicle the detective is currently driving has about 138,000 miles on it, it's a '98. His plan would be to assign the vehicle to Assistant Chief Chapranda who, last year drove 3,600 miles. The vehicle will be marked with the appropriate markings, not external, put the lights and a strobe package on it and radio lights. It would be an administrative car with the understanding that it would be used in inclement weather events. He could then take the unmarked vehicle Assistant Chief Chapranda is driving and assign it to the unmarked inventory. His hope is that this would be a permanent assignment. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Sims-Smierciak stated that she is concerned that they usually pay two-thirds (one-third from Sanitary and one-third from Waterworks) on all of the vehicles they purchase with the town paying a third. On this vehicle they paid 100%. She stated that she doesn't have a problem with loaning the vehicle but how are they going to recoup anything. Ms. Sims-Smierciak stated that her comment is more towards Mr. Kil. Discussion ensued. Chief Frego stated that they would have to put \$3,000 into the vehicle to make it an emergency vehicle. Discussion ensued. Mr. Myers added that when Town finances get better to remember this and perhaps they could recoup the money at that time. Mr. Gembala asked about the State Board of Accounts, if there would be a problem with the transfer. Mr. Wyllie stated that there would not be, it's just a transfer by vehicle, it is already owned by the Town. **Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to transfer the 2008 Dodge Durango to the Police Department. Seconded by Mr. Hanlon. Motion unanimously passed.**

**PAYMENT OF BILLS - #2111 - #2114 & #2000 - #2004 for \$116,507.85 for Sanitary District & WW Utility #6403 - #6405 & #6000 - #6010 for \$151,595.57 - Mr. Gembala motioned to pay bill payment memos #2111 #2114 and #2000 - #2004 for \$116,507.85 for the Sanitary District and for the Waste Water Utility for #6403 - #6405 and #6000 - #6010 in the amount of \$151,595.57. Seconded by Ms. Sims-Smierciak. Motion unanimously passed.**

#### **Any and all business that may come before the Board**

Mr. Myers stated that they also have two proposals for financial representation; one is from Karl Cender and one from Steve Carter. They are in the Board member's packets for their review for the February meeting.

Mr. Faberbock stated that Aldi's is coming in and they are going to request a building permit, they have asked him to calculate the sewer capacity and system development charges, he just received the information the end of last week and will have the fees ready for the study session.

**Public Comment – None**

#### **WATERWORKS DISTRICT**

##### **Old Business**

##### **Lotton – Water Improvements Update – Gates of St. John**

**Caldwell Tank Discussion** – Mr. Wyllie stated that he did have a discussion with opposing Counsel, he did not put it in written form, they discussed the posture of the parties and the opposing Counsel said he would be in touch. To date, Mr. Wyllie stated that he has not heard back yet.

**Project Update – Water Treatment Plant / Well**

**Partial Pay #4 in the amount of \$319,335.17 – Thieneman Construction - Ms. Sims-Smierciak** motioned to approve payment in the amount of \$319,335.17 for the work on the Water Treatment Plant. **Seconded by Mr. Gembala. Motion unanimously passed.**

**Status of easement offers for well on Route 41** – Mr. Wyllie stated that he received a response from Attorney Muenich: he received it, he doesn't understand it, he doesn't know why they need it, the District already has an easement out there, and he is tired of talking about it as well. So they should be hearing back from him. He added he has not heard from the other two regarding the offers.

**RES #10-01-18 Backflow Prevention Program – Water Cross Connection Control Program** – Mr. Myers stated that he would like to repeal the Ordinance they passed at the last meeting, Ordinance #WD71. **Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to repeal Ordinance #WD71. Seconded by Mr. Gembala. Motion unanimously passed.**

Mr. Myers stated that they are changing it from an Ordinance to a Resolution. **Mr. Hanlon motioned to pass Resolution WD #10-01-18 for the Backflow Prevention Program. Seconded by Ms. Sims-Smierciak. Motion unanimously passed.**

Mr. Wyllie stated that the only reason the Town Council needs to get involved in this now is in order to fine people, if they are in violation, and the Town Council needs to approve that. Mr. Kil stated that the Town has a fine structure they use. Mr. Myers added they will just leave the fines to the Town Council.

**RES #WD10-01-18A Increase in temporary turn on/off fees** – Mr. Gembala motioned to pass Resolution #WD10-01-18A. **Seconded by Ms. Sims-Smierciak. Motion unanimously passed.** Mr. Wyllie stated that Mr. Kil has an Ordinance for the Town Council to implement those increases. Mr. Kil stated that this would be on the agenda for the January 28<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting.

**Update – Patterson/Joliet Water Main Project (boring under railroad tracks)** – Mr. Faberbock stated that he took Mr. Myer's suggestion to break the project up into a few contracts. One being the boring underneath the railroad tracks, it will share the cost with the Town; one for the boring and one for underground work. They are also going to have two separate contracts: one for the Town for the storm sewer and one for the Utility Board that will take care of the water main. That will be bid in another week or so. He added that in the stimulus project, they would replace the stone up to grade level; the stimulus project will pay for the concrete sidewalk.

**New Business**

Mr. Myers stated that as in the Sanitary District, the next two items would be postponed to the next meeting.

**Legal Services Agreement for 2010 – Wieser & Wyllie** – See above

**Proposal of Robinson Engineering for 2010 Services to Board** – See above.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS - #3096 - #3097 & #3000 - #3002 for \$24,532.81 for Waterworks District and #4709 - #4714 & #4000 - #4038 for \$525,478.75 for Water Utility** – Mr. Gembala motioned to move for the sake of discussion, bill payment memo's #3096 - #3097 and #3000 - #3002 for \$24,532.81 for the Waterworks and #4709 - #4714 and #4000 - #4038 for \$525,478.75 for the Water Utility. Mr. Myers and Ms. Sims-Smierciak inquired about the payments on page two for Metro Excavating for emergency repairs. Mr. Kil stated that all of these were for water main breaks, one was under 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and the Public Works employees told him there was no way they could handle it. It depends on where it's at. A couple of them were at the same time. **Seconded by Mr. Hanlon. Motion unanimously passed.**

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Mr. Kil stated that the pump station needs to be rebuilt before something happens to it; he will get a price quote for that, discussion ensued that included the reference of Derwin attending the meeting if available.

Mr. Myers stated that the Board's next meeting is on a holiday so they need to reschedule the meeting. Discussion ensued and it was decided to hold the meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February with the appropriate notices given.

**Proposal for Cender Financial Services** – Mr. Myers stated that the Board would review the proposals and would be discussed during the February meeting. (Referenced above.)

**Public Comment** – None

**Adjournment** - Mr. Hanlon motioned to adjourn the meeting. **Seconded by Ms. Sims-Smierciak. Motion unanimously passed.** Meeting adjourned at 6:28 P.M.

ATTEST:

/s/ Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer