

**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**  
**February 22, 2010 - 6:00 P.M.**

Mr. Myers called the meeting to order at 6:02 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; Peter Faberbock, Robinson Engineering; Steve, Kil, Town Manager; Jim Wieser for Randy Wyllie, Attorney; Michael Forbes, Town Council Liaison and Sherry Sury, Clerk-Treasurer.

**Approval of the minutes – December 21, 2009 & January 18, 2010 - Mr. Gembala motioned to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2009 & January 18, 2010 meetings. Seconded by Ms. Sims-Smierciak. Motion unanimously passed.**

**SANITARY DISTRICT**

**Old Business**

**Interceptor to Schererville – update** – Mr. Faberbock stated that the project is continuing to move on. There was a bump with some de-watering, there was no where to put the water so the contractor put it into the sanitary sewer and sent it to Schererville. He cannot quantify the amount but it was enough that Schererville knew it was there. The Board expressed concern that they are paying for that. Discussion ensued. Mr. Faberbock stated that it was for a short period of time, believes it was less than 24-hour pumping, not over 10,000 gallons and that Derwin talked to the contractor so this will not happen again.

**Legal Services Agreement for 2010 – Wieser & Wyllie** - Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to approve the Legal Service Agreement for 2010 from Wieser & Wyllie. Seconded by Mr. Gembala. Motion unanimously passed.

**Proposal of Robinson Engineering for 2010 Services to Board** - Mr. Hanlon motioned to approve the proposal of Robinson Engineering for their 2010 Services to the Utility Board. Seconded by Ms. Sims-Smierciak. Motion unanimously passed.

**Proposal of Cender & Company – Financial Services** - Mr. Gembala motioned to approve the proposal of Cender & Company for Financial Services for 2010. Seconded by Mr. Bradtke. Motion unanimously passed.

**Sewage Capacity/System Development Fees – Aldi – Both Districts** – Mr. Faberbock stated that due to the amount they will be spending on fees, Aldi is investigating to see if it would be feasible to put a 4" line in to reduce some of those costs, they are doing some flow testing. Mr. Myers asked if Mr. Faberbock will verify that whatever they come up with that it will meet the sprinkler system code. Discussion ensued and it was confirmed that yes, compliance with the sprinkler system code will be looked at by several entities including the Fire Department. **Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to defer until they finalize line size. Seconded by Mr. Hanlon. Motion unanimously passed.**

**Request of Pete Karagan – Gardenia Gardens – Recapture Agreement (commercial development on US #41) – Both Districts** - Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to deny Mr. Karagan's request for the Recapture Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Bradtke. Motion unanimously passed.

**New Business** – None

**PAYMENT OF BILLS - #2005 - #2027 for \$115,931.07 for Sanitary District & WW Utility #6011 - #6039 for \$216,704.60** - Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to pay bill payment memos #2005 - #2007 for \$115,931.07 for Sanitary District and for Wastewater Utility #6011 - #6039 for \$216,704.60. Seconded by Mr. Bradtke. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Ms. Sury stated that the tracker rate will be included on the water bill for March. Mr. Kil asked if a reminder could be put on the water bill of the deadline to turn in the Census. Ms. Sury stated that the March bills already contain the reminder message and on the April bill the deadline would be included.

**Public Comment** – None

## **WATERWORKS DISTRICT**

**Old Business**

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

**Caldwell Tank Discussion** – Mr. Wieser stated that there is nothing new to report and referenced the pre-trial hearing set for March.

**Project update – Water Treatment Plant/Well - Partial Pay #5 in the amount of \$475,674.39 – Thieneman Construction** - Mr. Hanlon motioned to approve partial payment #5 in the amount of \$475,674.39 to Thieneman Construction for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Seconded by Mr. Gembala. Motion unanimously passed.

**Status of easement offers for well on Route 41** – Mr. Myers asked if it has been conveyed to Mr. Muenich that they need a full 25 feet. Mr. Faberbock stated that he does not believe it has been conveyed to him, they did talk about relocating where the existing lines are and that he is trying to set up a meeting with NIPSCO to look at the lines. Discussion ensued.

**Status Update – Ordinance Backflow Prevention Program – Water Cross Connection Control Program approved by Town Council on January 28, 2010** – Ms. Sury stated that after adoption by the Town Council, the ordinance was sent to the papers for publication and that a copy was forwarded to Public Works.

**Status Update – Increase in temporary turn on/off fees – Ordinance of Town Council** – Mr. Myers stated that it is his understanding that there was a glitch on a rate study. Mr. Kil stated that he has spoken with Mr. Wyllie and Mr. Austgen several times about this. He knows what is needed, gave the information to Mr. Wyllie who will take the backup data, incorporate it in the Resolution and the Resolution will be incorporated by reference to the Ordinance so there is

some justification. Discussion ensued. Mr. Forbes added that the data is justification for the percentage of the rate increase.

**Update – Patterson/Joliet Water Main Project (boring under railroad tracks)** – Mr. Faberbock stated that the bid opening date is scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> of March.

**Legal Services Agreement for 2010 – Wieser & Wyllie** - Mr. Gembala motioned to approve the Legal Services Agreement for 2010 for Wieser & Wyllie. Seconded by Mr. Hanlon. Motion unanimously passed.

**Proposal of Robinson Engineering for 2010 Services to Board** - Mr. Hanlon motioned to approve the proposal of Robinson Engineering for 2010 Services to the Utility Board. Seconded by Mr. Bradtke. Motion unanimously passed.

**Proposal of Cender & Company – Financial Services** - Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to approve Financial Services from Karl Cender & Company. Seconded by Mr. Gembala. Motion unanimously passed.

**Status of proposed project – rebuild pump house** – Mr. Kil asked that this be deferred to the Study Session. Mr. Gembala motioned to defer the status of the proposed project to rebuild the pump house to the Study Session. Seconded by Ms. Sims-Smierciak.

**New Business** – None

**PAYMENT OF BILLS - #3003 - #3007 for \$28,722.61 for Waterworks District and #4039 - #4039 for \$105,968.32 for Water Utility** – (typographical error – should have been #APV #4039 - #4102 in the amount of \$1,005,968.32) Mr. Myers asked about APV #4060. Mr. Kil stated that D. Klobacar tripped over two B boxes that were sticking up in the sidewalk and hit her face. This APV was to pay her expenses; she agreed not to sue and added that the B boxes were moved into the front yard where they are supposed to be. Mr. Myers also asked about APV #4076 repairs, accident, 10575 Schneider Court in the amount of \$1,405.00. Mr. Kil stated that someone hit a hydrant and the town will be reimbursed by the driver's insurance company, Geico. Discussion ensued. Mr. Myers asked about APV #4081 listed for Lindco Equipment Sales EZ Mount, which is for snow plow equipment and stated that it should not be on their docket. Discussion ensued. Ms. Sims-Smierciak referenced #6021 Dell Toner (and APV #4066) a charge for almost \$500 for Bustamante toner. She asked why the mechanic needs a color copier. Discussion ensued and Mr. Kil was asked to look into this matter. **Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to pay bill payment memo #3003 - #3007 for \$28,722.61 for Waterworks District and #4039 - #4102 for \$105,968.32 for Water Utility minus voucher #4081 for \$445.00. Seconded by Mr. Bradtke. Motion unanimously passed.**

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Mr. Kil asked if the Board is interested in still doing the water bottles for Drinking Water Week, the best price seems to be about \$3,000. Mr. Myers stated that he would not want to do this if someone does not present a program with it. Discussion ensued. Mr. Kil stated that he was not planning on speaking at the schools about water. It was decided to drop it this year, due to no presentation and budget constraints.

Mr. Wieser stated that the amount in the bill payment motion was incorrect and needs to be amended. **Mr. Hanlon motioned to amend the amount approved for the Water Utility to**

**\$1,005,968.32 minus \$445.00 for voucher #4081. Seconded by Mr. Bradtke. Motion unanimously passed.**

**Public Comment – None**

**Adjournment – Mr. Hanlon motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Bradtke. Motion unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 P.M.**

ATTEST:

/s/ Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer