

SANITARY/WATERWORKS DISTRICT MEETING
AND TOWN COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
ST. JOHN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MAIN MEETING ROOM
10955 WEST 93RD AVENUE, ST. JOHN, INDIANA
April 19, 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; Michael Forbes, Town Council Liaison and Sherry Sury, Clerk-Treasurer. Absent was Randy Wyllie, Attorney.

Approval of the minutes – March 15, 2010 – Mr. Gembala motioned to approve the minutes of March 15, 2010 (he noted that ALTA on page two should be all capital letters – the American Land Title Association). **Seconded by Ms. Sims-Smierciak. Motion unanimously passed.**

SANITARY DISTRICT

Old Business

Interceptor to Schererville – update – Mr. Faberbock stated that the project is progressing along. The contractor is about 450 feet away from making the tie in at 85th, so his making some good progress. He should have it done, weather permitting, at least by the end of the month. There is going to be some slow down until the sewer they put in has sat for 30 days. Then they can do some final testing and open up the line to Schererville and then make the final connection to the Schererville plant. Mr. Faberbock referenced a copy of a letter that was contained in their packets that was sent to Mr. Lotton advising him to restore the lines and grades that existed before construction. He also stated that he received a letter from Schererville regarding the restoration and that he spoke to Mr. Lotton and Mr. Lotton understands exactly what he has to do.

Approval of payment to Schererville for engineering fees for WWTP plant – Mr. Faberbock stated that he reviewed the copies of the two bills he received: one bill was for the review of the soil erosion; and a second for a pay request for some design fee and that didn't make sense as there wasn't any design involved in this from Schererville. Discussion ensued and these invoices would be tabled so that Mr. Faberbock can research them further. **Mr. Gembala motioned to table the approval of these two invoices for the payment of the engineering fees for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Seconded by Mr. Bradtke. Motion unanimously passed.**

New Business

Sewage Capacity/System Development Charges (both Districts) Peoples Bank – Mr. Faberbock referenced a copy of the letter that was contained in the member packets for this project. It is the minimum capacity charge of \$1,379.00 for the bank that is going in by the Aldi's and Tractor's Supply Company. They are using a one inch meter which is a \$1,500.00 charge for each, water and sewer, for system development and that the bank typically uses less than 7,000 gallons of water a year. After one year, usage would be reviewed and recapitulation will be done. **Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to approve the Sewage Capacity Charge and the**

System Development Charges for the new People’s Bank. Seconded by Mr. Hanlon. Motion unanimously passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS - #2034 - #2045 for \$48,788.52 for Sanitary District & WW Utility #6062 - #6098 for \$243,447.24 - Mr. Gembala motioned to pay bill payment memos #2034 - #2045 for \$48,788.52 for the Sanitary District and for the Wastewater Utility #6062 - #6098 for \$243,447.24 minus the #6078 (the Schererville engineering fees) in the amount of \$537.17. Seconded by Mr. Bradtke. Motion unanimously passed.

Any and all business that may come before the Board

Mr. Kil stated that that he received notification from Aldi’s that they are coming in to pull their permit. They are running into a problem and want to decrease their line size; they want to go from a six inch to a four inch size. They want to pull the Design Release and stated that he would give them a Foundation Release to get them going until Mr. Faberbock can do the recalculations based on the smaller line size. He added that First Financial is going to build where their ATM is located in town, (Wall Street & US #41).

Public Comment – None

WATERWORKS DISTRICT

Old Business

Lotton – Water Improvements Update – Gates of St. John

Project update – Water Treatment Plant/Well – Mr. Faberbock stated that they are continuing on: the well has been set, all the filters are in, the roof is done, the electricity is being worked on right now which is involving all the controllers and the site work should begin in the next couple of weeks. They should be ready for June.

Partial Pay #7 in the amount of \$228,423.04 – Thieneman Construction - Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to approve partial payment #7 in the amount of \$228,423.04 to Thieneman Construction. Seconded by Mr. Hanlon. Motion unanimously passed

Status Update – Increase in temporary on/off fees – Ordinance of Town Council – Mr. Forbes stated that this item is on the Town Council’s meeting agenda for this Thursday.

Award Recommendation – Joliet St. Water Main - Mr. Bradtke motioned to award the Joliet Street Water Main Project to Snow-N-Sons, the low bidder, in the amount of \$128,143.50. Seconded by Mr. Gembala. Motion unanimously passed. Mr. Faberbock stated that he is going to get the contracts to Snow-N-Sons real quick, to turn it around really quick and have Mr. Myers sign the contract, and Ms. Sury attest it so they can get started on the project. Mr. Myers added that the engineer’s estimate was \$246K this bid was for \$128K; they now have \$117,000 that they budgeted for this project and perhaps they can do some of the little projects they didn’t think they could do this year. He asked Mr. Kil to meet with Derwin and identify what small projects they can do.

New Business – None

PAYMENT OF BILLS - #3021 - #3032 for \$44,630.31 for Waterworks District and #4142 - #4193 for \$379,637.70 for Water Utility - Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to pay bill payment memos #3021 - #3032 for \$44,630.31 for the Waterworks District and #4142 - #4193 for \$379,637.70 for the Water Utility. Seconded by Mr. Hanlon. Motion unanimously passed.

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Mr. Myers referenced a letter that was in their packets from Mr. Kenneth Koza regarding a bill from the Town for back water usage due to a discrepancy between the inside and outside meter readings. He stated that sometimes the outside meter does not read as accurately as the inside meter. When Mr. Koza's meter was changed they found a difference in the meters. Mr. Koza was sent a bill for the difference because he was undercharged for the past four years. Discussion ensued. The Board agreed that Mr. Koza should pay the bill for the difference and Mr. Myers will review the Board's decision with Mr. Wyllie, so that he could send him a response. **Mr. Hanlon motioned to deny the request from Mr. Koza to waive the water bill. Seconded by Ms. Sims-Smierciak. Motion unanimously passed.**

Public Comment – None

Mr. Forbes stated that someone needed to be trained to run the manual system, to be a back up for Derwin.

Adjournment – Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Bradtke. Motion unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 P.M.

ATTEST:

/s/ Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer