

**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  
August 16, 2010 - 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; Michel Hanlon, Member; Patricia Sims-Smierciak, Member; Frank Bradtke, Member; Pete Faberbock, Robinson Engineering; Steve Kil, Town Manager; Kenneth Gembala, Town Council Liaison and Sherry Sury, Clerk-Treasurer. Absent was Randy Wyllie, Attorney.

**Approval of the minutes – Regular Meeting of July 19, 2010 – Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 19, 2010. Seconded by Mr. Bradtke. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

## **SANITARY DISTRICT**

### **Old Business**

**Interceptor to Schererville – update** – Mr. Faberbock stated that they are moving along, the contractor is doing his restorations; and they will be marking the wetlands. Schererville asked that they wait until next week before they make an actual tie in. Schererville also asked for copies of all their testing reports. A couple of reports need to be turned in and they will then follow through with the request. Mr. Myers asked if St. John will have to pay the Schererville engineer to review the test reports after Mr. Faberbock has already reviewed them. Discussion ensued. Mr. Myers stated that if Schererville wants their own engineer to review the test reports then Schererville should pay for that. Mr. Faberbock will advise Schererville of Mr. Myers opinion. The tie in is next week and after the tie-in, they are pretty much done, the restoration from the tie in will be the only thing left to be done.

**Saddle Creek Lift Station – SCADA system – update to be paid by developer** – Mr. Faberbock stated that he met with Derwin, the developer of Saddle Creek (Oltoff Homes) and Royce, the lift station supplier. Everyone agrees that the bill Gasvoda submitted to the town is something he has already been paid to do as part of the development. Mr. Faberbock will tell Royce tomorrow that he is responsible, he has been paid and there will be no additional funds from the town.

### **New Business**

**Professional Building Services on behalf of Dyer Methodist Church – Grant of Right request – water/sewer** – Pastor Ken Puent addressed the board; he introduced Amy Delahunty who is the Chairperson of the church Building Committee. The church purchased property on 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue last year, they would like tie into the Districts sanitary sewer / water line in the next 24 – 36 months. They have submitted a letter with that request along with a plat of survey and an actual site plan for those services. Mr. Myers stated that they just received the paperwork tonight and did not have a chance to look at it. He asked if the property is contiguous to the Town of St. John. Mr. Puent stated that it is next to the Oltoff subdivision which is in St. John. Mr. Kil stated that the policy of the town is if they are able to annex into the town they must do that before they can get utilities. If legally you do not have the ability to do that, you must sign a waiver of right to remonstrate against any future annexation. The first requirement is you must

be 1/8<sup>th</sup> contiguous and it does not look like they are. Discussion ensued. Mr. Faberbock will review the paperwork the church submitted. Mr. Myers stated that they will have an answer at the September meeting on the third Monday of September.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS - #2066 - #2071 for \$12,279.36 for Sanitary District & WW Utility #6188 - #6209 for \$102,101.25 - Mr. Hanlon motioned to pay bill payment memos #2066 - #2071 for \$12,279.36 for the Sanitary District and Wastewater Utilities #6188- #6209 for \$102,101.25. Seconded by Ms. Sims-Smierciak. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

**Any and all business that may come before the Board** – Mr. Kil stated that at the next Town Council meeting they will formalize that the PILT payment will be applied towards the loan the Town owes the district. Ms. Sury confirmed that the exact amount will be \$75,700.

Mr. Faberbock stated that he spoke to Mr. Kil about the Patterson sewer, he does not think they have the equipment or the ability to go through and get a picture of the sewer line; they are going to get three quotes to video the sewer line. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Myers referenced a letter from the Lake County Public Library that was received. He stated that they requested an adjustment/credit because of a water leak that resulted in a high water bill. Discussion ensued regarding the consumption usage of the two meters. Ms. Sury recommended that they wait for the next bill to see what the readings are for the two meters.

**Public Comment** – None

## **WATERWORKS DISTRICT**

### **Old Business**

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

**Project update – Water Treatment Plant/Well** – Mr. Kil stated that everything is done, it is up and running.

**Partial Pay #10 – Thieneman - \$52,347.00** – Mr. Hanlon motioned to pay partial payment #10 to Thieneman for \$52,347.00. Seconded by Mr. Bradtke. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

**Partial Pay #11 – Thieneman – Change Order - \$19,254.00** - Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to pay partial pay #11 to Thieneman for the change order for \$19,254.00. Seconded by Mr. Bradtke. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

**Status update – Joliet St. Water Main Extension** – Mr. Faberbock stated that the project has been completed and partial pay estimate #3 will cover all the changes they had on the project.

**Pay Estimate #3 Partial – Snow-N-Sons - \$6,729.55** - Mr. Bradtke motioned to pay estimate #3 to Snow-N-Sons for \$6,729.55. Seconded by Ms. Sims-Smierciak. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

**Pay Estimate #1 – Final - \$28,686.00** - Mr. Hanlon motioned to pay estimate – final – for \$28,686.00 to Snow-N-Sons. Seconded by Mr. Bradtke. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

**Status report – commingling of private well water with St. John Waterworks Water Distribution System** – Mr. Myers stated that he spoke with Mr. Wyllie last week regarding this and Mr. Wyllie has not heard anything from the homeowner or the attorney on the cross connection violation. Mr. Kil approved the extension to the 20<sup>th</sup>, if things are not corrected the homeowner's water will be turned off at the B box. A reading will be taken to ensure the water has not been turned back on.

**Bramblewood Homeowners Association – Request to waive 2 tap fees – Ordinance #1203 / #WD43** – Mr. Myers stated that he is not in favor of waiving a tap fee so precedence is not set. Discussion ensued. **Mr. Bradtke motioned to deny the request to waive the tap fees. Seconded by Mr. Hanlon. Motion passed with 3 ayes and 1 abstention by Ms. Sims-Smierciak.**

### **New Business**

Mr. Kil stated that he has received several requests to paint the fire hydrants red. Mr. Gembala stated that according to NFPA standards the hydrants are supposed to be red with color coded caps according to flow rate. However, right now they do not have the money to conduct flow tests around town. When they get their five year insurance rate one of the things the insurance company looks at are the flow rates on the hydrants and if they are recognizable to the fire department. Mr. Myers told Mr. Kil to go ahead and get the hydrants painted red.

Mr. Gembala referenced the previous board decision that Boender should get his money from Caldwell; he would like Mr. Faberbock to check the contract to see if the Public Works Director ordered Boender to put these in extra; if so, he doesn't think it's fair that they are not getting paid. The bill is \$16,174.00. Discussion ensued and Mr. Faberbock will check the timing on this. Mr. Myers added they should review this with Mr. Wyllie. Mr. Gembala stated that the contractor was told to wait until the dispute with Caldwell was settled. Mr. Kil stated that Mr. Pharazyn ordered two additional lights to be installed and the location of the SCADA was also changed.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS - #3056 - #3059 for \$19,573.24 for Waterworks District and #4422 - #4479 for \$268,362.28 for Water Utility** - Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to pay bill payment memos #3056 - #3059 for \$19,573.24 for Waterworks District and #4422 - #4479 for \$268,362.28 for the Water Utility. **Seconded by Mr. Hanlon. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

**Update on anticipated cost – repair of line Patterson & Primrose** – (item missed in meeting sequence) – Mr. Faberbock stated that if they went one street further to the west to Fairbanks it would cost \$378,000, to go to Primrose the cost would be \$225,000. Mr. Myers stated that this is more money than they thought and that they should speak with Karl Cender to get it into their budget soon.

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

Discussion ensued regarding the Study Session scheduled on September 6, 2010, Labor Day. It was decided that the Study Session would be cancelled and not rescheduled for the month of September.

Mr. Faberbock stated that a Goodwill Store will be coming in and will be installing a 1" line.

**Public Comment** – None

**Adjournment** – Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Bradtke. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

ATTEST:

/s/ Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer