

SANITARY/WATERWORKS DISTRICT MEETING
AND TOWN COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
ST. JOHN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MAIN MEETING ROOM
10955 WEST 93RD AVENUE, ST. JOHN, INDIANA
November 15, 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; Michael Hanlon, Member; Patricia Sims-Smierciak, Member; Frank Bradtke, Member; Pete Faberbock, Robinson Engineering; Steve Kil, Town Manager; Randy Wyllie, Attorney; Kenneth Gembala, Town Council Liaison and Sherry Sury, Clerk-Treasurer. Also in attendance was Michael Forbes, Town Council Member.

Approval of the minutes – Regular Meeting of October 18, 2010 - Mr. Bradtke motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 18, 2010. Seconded by Ms. Sims-Smierciak. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

SANITARY DISTRICT

Old Business

Interceptor to Schererville – Update & Payment of Invoice #3065 – Mr. Faberbock stated that Tom Mathews, the designer of the project, and he met with Mr. Kil to finalize the flume design which was completed. The drawing will be modified and sent to the contractor. Mr. Myers stated that the Board will not allow anything to be done until Mr. Faberbock and Schererville signs off on it. Mr. Faberbock added that restoration is almost done, there one section south of 85th where they have to make a tie-in. He has not heard if Mr. Gorman has approved the restoration yet. **Mr. Hanlon motioned to pay Schererville for the work Nies Engineering did pertaining to the Schererville interceptor Nies Invoice #50-828-00-32 for \$262.50. Seconded by Mr. Bradtke. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.**

Mr. Faberbock stated that he spoke with Tierra, who is the contractor they used to videotape Patterson Street regarding videotaping the sewer line, they would charge another \$17,000 to video that entire line. Another option would be to use the Schererville/St. John camera if they can find the staff to actually run it. Mr. Myers mentioned that he spoke with Bob from R&R and told him to put in a bid to do the work. Bob from R&R told him that the manholes and everything has passed the pressure test. Mr. Faberbock will check with Derwin to verify this information.

Status Update – Grant of Right to Install Sewer/Water Lines – Change in contract terms – Dyer United Methodist Church - Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to deny Dyer Methodist Church's change request to the Grant of Right to Install. **Seconded by Mr. Hanlon. Motion passed with a vote of 4 -0.** Discussion ensued and Mr. Wyllie will send a letter to the Church advising them that they can come before the board when they are ready with their request.

Goodwill Store – Capacity Charge and Water and Sewer District System Development charges – Mr. Myers referenced a letter from Mr. Faberbock's which stated a Sewage Capacity Charge of \$3,206.18 and the System Development Charges (each W/S) for a total of \$3,000.00.

Mr. Hanlon motioned to approve those charges. Seconded by Ms. Sims-Smierciak. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

New Business

Customer Request for adjustment of charges to utility bill – A resident, Mrs. Durban, addressed the Board and stated that her water leak problem with her water softener was correct. She stated that Wayne explained it needed to be by-passed and that she would like a discount on her water bill due to the leak. Mr. Myers stated that the water was used, and he does not see how he can discount at this point. If they started to discount for every water leak residents had, it might never end. He knows it is not her fault and that she received a partial credit when they did the meter change over. Mrs. Durban asked if she could spread out the payments and that, the Board waive the late fee. Ms. Sury stated that they can make a payment plan and for her to call the Clerk's office to set it up; however, they cannot waive the late fee. Mr. Myers added that they will make a reasonable payment plan. **Mr. Bradtke motioned to deny the request for a rebate. Seconded by Ms. Sims-Smierciak. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

PAYMENT OF BILLS - #2088 - #2094 for \$26,118.18 for Sanitary District & WW Utility #6281 - #6321 for \$202,497.78 - Mr. Hanlon motioned to pay bill payment memo's #2088 - #2094 for \$26,118.18 for Sanitary District & WW Utility #6281 - #6321 for \$202,497.78. **Seconded by Mr. Bradtke. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

Any and all business that may come before the Board – None

Public Comment – None

WATERWORKS DISTRICT

Old Business

M.E. Simpson Proposal for Fire Hydrant Testing & Flushing – Mr. Myers stated that he did not get a chance to talk to Karl Cender; he referenced a letter from Mr. Wyllie that the Board cannot use the surplus bond money as they intended. **Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to defer the M.E. Simpson proposal until Mr. Myers gets a chance to talk to Karl Cender. Seconded by Mr. Bradtke. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

Status Report – Phase III Water Main Project on Joliet Street – Mr. Faberbock stated that essentially everything under the Norfolk-Southern track with the exception of the restoration is completed. They still need to do under the CSX track; they have that resolved for the permitting, which was submitted last week. They will finalize that and should be able to come back out and actually put that in. They have submitted a bunch of change orders; some of them he has denied simply because it is something you do not have to do under normal work, a couple he has in front of Derwin for his opinion. There will be additional funds that will have to be spent; right now they are looking at \$30,000. It has to do with the signal cable that was seven feet deep and ended up being dead. They have to remobilize their crews, which is where a lot of the money comes into play. The other ones have to do with extending the water main a little bit and tying in some businesses. They did not know there was a cross connection so they made the cross connection to the existing pipe a little further down than was originally anticipated.

Update – Raising Wells #3 and #5 at Water Treatment Plant – Mr. Faberbock referenced the handout and explained the two options from Tom Nangle, who will be designer of this project. He stated that the first picture shows a building raised above the flood zone; it is in a U.S. 41, overlay zone that means it must be a brick building. It would cost over three times the budget of \$100,000. One of the costs associated with it would be the floating slab; however, this design shows that the building would be required to sit on 17 pilings. A stick building would be less money but it would not be substantial. The big cost is on the building itself, the caissons, and the masonry construction adds to it. Just having the wells and having the controls inside the existing treatment facility is over \$200,000. Discussion ensued. Mr. Myers asked Mr. Faberbock to put together an itemized list of the project so they can see what is going to cost so much.

New Business – None

PAYMENT OF BILLS – #3073 - #3078 for \$23,488.55 for Waterworks District and #4626 - #4692 for \$206,373.18 for Water Utility - Ms. Sims-Smierciak asked if there was an issue with Hammond Clinic, where they had to replace two concrete slabs. Mr. Kil stated that he thought it was for a water main break in front of the clinic and stated that he would double check the invoice. **Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned pay bill payment memo's #3073 - #3078 for \$23,488.55 for the Waterworks District and #4626 - #4692 for \$206,373.18 for the Water Utility. Seconded by Mr. Bradtke. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

Any and all business that may come before the Board – None

Public Comment – None

Adjournment – Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Hanlon. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

ATTEST:

/s/ Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer