

SANITARY/WATERWORKS DISTRICT MEETING
AND TOWN COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
ST. JOHN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MAIN MEETING ROOM
10955 WEST 93RD AVENUE, ST. JOHN, INDIANA
January 17, 2011 - 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; Michael Hanlon, Member; Frank Bradtke, Member; Patricia Sims-Smierciak, Member; Pete Faberbock, Robinson Engineering; Steve Kil, Town Manager; Randy Wyllie, Attorney, Ken Gembala, Town Council Liaison and Sherry Sury, Clerk-Treasurer.

Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of December 20, 2010 - Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 20, 2010. Seconded by Mr. Hanlon. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

Election of Officers – Both Districts

Mr. Myers opened the floor to nominations for President. **Ms. Sims-Smierciak nominated Mr. Myers for President. Seconded by Mr. Hanlon.** There were no other nominations. **Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

Mr. Myers opened the floor to nominations for Vice-President. **Mr. Hanlon nominated Ms. Sims-Smierciak for Vice-President. Seconded by Mr. Bradtke.** There were no other nominations. **Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

SANITARY DISTRICT

Old Business

Interceptor to Schererville – approval to pay invoices to Schererville #3106 in the amount of \$262.50 and #3134 in the amount of \$3,252.90 (Nies Engineering) - Mr. Bradtke motioned to pay Invoice #3106 in the amount of \$262.50 and Invoice #3134 in the amount of \$3,252.90 for Nies Engineering. **Seconded by Ms. Sims-Smierciak. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

New Business

Legal Services Agreement for 2011 – Wieser & Wyllie - Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to approve the Legal Services Agreement for 2011 for Wieser & Wyllie the Board Attorneys. **Seconded by Mr. Hanlon. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

Proposal of Robinson Engineering for 2011 Services to Board - Mr. Hanlon motioned to approve the Proposal of Robinson Engineering for 2011 Services to the Board. **Seconded by Mr. Bradtke. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

PAYMENT OF BILLS – For the Sanitary District #2107 - #2108 for \$46,512.45 & #2000 - #2001 in the amount of \$11,061.47 and for the WW Utility #6357 - #6360 in the amount of \$187,021.00 & #6000 - #6013 for \$117,523.55 - Mr. Hanlon motioned to approve the bills

for the Sanitary District Year 2010 APV's #2107 - #2108 for \$46,512.45 & Year 2011 APV's #2000 - #2001 in the amount of \$11,061.47; and for the Wastewater Utilities Year 2010 APV's #6357 - #6360 in the amount of \$187,021.00 & Year 2011 APV's #6000 - #6013 for \$117,523.55. Seconded by Ms. Sims-Smierciak. Motion passed with a vote of 4 -0.

Mr. Myers stated that he was asked to present for approval to the board a listing of additional payments to be approved as itemized and read. Sanitary District APV #2002 in the amount of \$280.00; Wastewater Utilities APV's #6014 – #6016 in the amount of \$1,511.89; and Waterworks District APV #3003 in the amount of \$420.00; and for the Water Utility APV;s #4038 - #4041 in the amount of \$82,344.82 and that the payment of \$81,113.00 included B&D Sewer. **Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to approve the Accounts Payable Voucher Register Transactions as presented in the amount of \$84,556.71. Seconded by Mr. Bradtke. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

Any and all business that may come before the Board

Mr. Myers stated that a Building and Zoning Permit was issued regarding a house being built on a specific piece of property (9017 W. 96th Place) and that the deal fell through and another house was built on that piece of property by a different builder. The Town refunded the fees to the initial builder as noted however; they need to refund \$1,050.51 to the builder that initially obtained the permit for the lot. (Fees were associated with the Lotton Sewer Interceptor and forwarded earlier to Mr. Lotton; only a small area – Renaissance Unit #3 is included in the recapture area). Discussion ensued regarding the recapture area, the fund balance and that if funds become available through the issuance of another permit for a different lot, a refund could then be issued. **Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to approve the return of funds for Sewer Interceptor Fees in the amount of \$1,050.51 to Eenigenburg Builders as stated. Seconded by Mr. Bradtke. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

Mr. Faberbock stated that regarding the Patterson sewer – he has not seen the video but he talked to them last week and they could not find anything that could cause the backlog of water the resident on Patterson was concerned about. Mr. Faberbock stated that he will look at the video; he thinks the problem could be due to some sump pumps illegally tied in. There is a lot more going through that area than should be going through and that he will get prices for a smoke test in the spring.

Public Comment – None

WATERWORKS DISTRICT

Old Business

Update – Water main portion of project under N/S and CSX Tracks and approval for payment to B & D Sewer – Mr. Faberbock said underneath the N/S tracks has been completed, they are still waiting for the flagman for CSX and that payment to B&D should be released.

Update – hydrant damage collection matter – Mr. Wyllie stated that he received a call from Mrs. Hulett and she asked for the balance due so that she can pay the debt in full. Discussion ensued.

New Business

Legal Services Agreement for 2011 – Wieser & Wyllie - Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to approve the Legal Services Agreement for 2011 for Wieser & Wyllie. Seconded by Mr. Hanlon. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

Proposal of Robinson Engineering for 2011 Services to Board – Discussion ensued regarding the anticipated increase. Mr. Wyllie stated that the rates cannot be increased during the middle of a contract. Discussion ensued. **Mr. Hanlon motioned to approve the Proposal of Robinson Engineering for 2011 Services to the Board. Seconded by Mr. Bradtke. Motion passed with a vote of 4 -0.**

PAYMENT OF BILLS - #3084 for \$6,129.98 & #3000 - #3002 in the amount of \$11,749.78 for Waterworks District and #4759 - #4764 for \$27,941.35 & #4000 - #4037 for \$190,062.63 for Water Utility - Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to pay Bill Payment Memos for Year 2010 #3084 for \$6,129.98 and Year 2011 #3000 - #3002 for \$11,749.78 for Waterworks District; and Year 2010 #4759 - #4764 for \$27,941.35 and Year 2011 #4000 - #4037 for \$190,062.63 for Water Utility. Seconded by Mr. Bradtke. Motion passed with a vote of 4 -0.

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Mr. Kil asked permission to pay overtime instead of banking comp time for water and sewer work done by the employees that pertain to the Lift Stations and water main breaks because he cannot keep up. He referenced the shortage of manpower; and that with the weather conditions and plowing, the employees cannot take the time off. He stated that he would like to pay out what they already earned for December and January with the payment to be from the water and sewer utilities. Discussion ensued. **Ms. Sims-Smierciak motioned to allow cash payments in lieu of comp time for overtime hours worked in water and sewer utility. Seconded by Mr. Bradtke. Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.**

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 6:26 P.M.

ATTEST:

/s/ Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer