

April 27, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Department of Water Works was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, in the Main Office of the Department of Water Works, 532 Franklin Street.

A quorum was present with the following Board members in attendance: Mr. Behrendt, Mrs. Pishkur, Ms. Gonzales, and Mr. Sperling. Mr. Bush was absent. Also present were Acting Superintendent Chris Johnsen, Accountant Chris Wolfe and City Council Liaison Don Przybylinski. Mr. Behrendt presided.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Pishkur, seconded by Ms. Gonzales the minutes of the April 6, 2021 regular Board meeting were approved as written.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sperling, seconded by Ms. Gonzales, the list of 4 purchase orders was presented and approved by the Board.

Mr. Wolfe gave a general overview of the March 2021 Financial Statements. Upon a motion by Mrs. Pishkur, seconded by Ms. Gonzales, the March 2021 Financial Statements were approved as presented.

Acting Superintendent Johnsen presented a Main Extension Estimate on Blaine Street, requested by Mr. Jeff Oltmanns of Global Engineering and Land Surveying. Mr. Oltmanns is requesting a cost estimate to extend the water main on Blaine Street in order to get water service to six (6) proposed lots east of Center Street. Acting Superintendent Johnsen recommends quoting material and labor cost for the 306 feet of lot frontage for a total of \$51,192.00 minus the 3 year estimated revenue of \$6,616.08 for an estimated total of \$44,575.92. Acting Superintendent Johnsen also recommends that the Department loops the end of the main into the main on Fogarty by installing 195 feet of main on Ohming Street for the improvement of the distribution system. The estimated cost of this project is \$60,835.00, for a total combined estimate to the Department of \$103,245.08. Upon a motion by Mr. Sperling, seconded by Ms. Gonzales, the Board approved the recommendation.

Acting Superintendent Johnsen reported that he received a request from Mayor Duane Parry to utilize a bill stuffer that his office and the Office of the Controller are preparing to be sent out to customers within the City requesting public input on the recent announcement of the American Rescue Plan of 2021. Acting Superintendent Johnsen recommends allowing the bill stuffer from Mayor Parry, but after the Department sends out the 2020 Water Quality Report which needs to be to our customers by July 1, 2021. Upon a motion by Mr. Sperling, seconded by Ms. Gonzales, the Board agreed to allow the stuffer after the Water Quality Reports have been sent out, and they will need to review the stuffer once it has been completed.

Acting Superintendent Johnsen reported that he received a request from Councilman Don Przybylinski that the Department considers requesting a portion of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to help accelerate the replacement of lead goosenecks from water services within the City. Acting Superintendent Johnsen recommends the Board approves the request through Councilman Przybylinski for a \$2 million dollar allocation. Upon a motion by Mr. Sperling, seconded by Ms. Gonzales, the Board approves proceeding with getting a quote for an engineering study.

Under old business:

Acting Superintendent Johnsen updated the Board on the Whitefoot Trail project. With only one payment being received, the project will be put on hold and we will continue to look into other options.

Acting Superintendent Johnsen advised the Board that the contract documents and notice to proceed are ready, and we will proceed with the Washwater Tank Painting project.

Under new business:

Acting Superintendent Johnsen presented the Board with a letter regarding new public water supply required for a development at CR 400N and Johnson Road.

Acting Superintendent Johnsen advised the Board of an Internet Domain issue that resulted in the Department e-mail being down from after hours on Friday until 9:45 Tuesday morning.

Under public comment:

Board President Ken Behrendt made the suggestion that if everyone in the room is vaccinated, he would like to be able to remove masks if acceptable by Mayor Parry. All Board members agreed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion by Mr. Sperling, seconded by Ms. Gonzales, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.