

May 4, 2022

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, May 3, 2022, 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. Ken Behrendt, Mrs. Beth Pishkur, Ms. Diane Gonzales, Mr. Davis Bush and Mr. Andy Sperling. Also present were Superintendent Chris Johnsen and Accountant Chris Wolfe. Mr. Behrendt presided.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sperling, seconded by Mr. Bush, the minutes of the April 5, 2022 regular Board meeting were approved as written.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Pishkur, seconded by Mr. Bush, the list of 19 purchase orders was presented and approved by the Board.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sperling, seconded by Ms. Gonzales, the Approval of Claims dated May 5, 2022 was approved.

Mr. Wolfe gave a general overview of the March 2022 Financial Statements. Upon a motion by Mrs. Pishkur, seconded by Ms. Gonzales, the March 2022 Financial Statements were approved as presented.

Superintendent Johnsen presented a memo to the Board regarding a water system hydraulic model update that was included in the 2023 Business Plan as part of the update of the Comprehensive Plan. Superintendent Johnsen recommends moving the hydraulic model activity up to this year due to significant changes and additions to the distribution system since Wessler Engineering completed our last hydraulic model in 2012/2013. Wessler sent over an agreement for \$83,000 to complete this project. There is a truck replacement in the 2022 Business Plan that can be moved to 2023, so this will not increase the planned spending in the capital improvements. Upon a motion by Mr. Bush, seconded by Mrs. Pishkur, the Board approved Superintendent Johnsen's recommendation.

Superintendent Johnsen presented a memo to the Board regarding the Department's proposed new rates due to the Indiana House Bill 1002-2022, repealing the utility receipts tax. It is Superintendent Johnsen's recommendation for the Board to approve the new rates so they can be sent to the Indiana Regulatory Commission (IURC) for their approval. If approved, the new rates would go into effect on July 1, 2022. The law requires communicating the savings to the customer, so a bill stuffer explaining the rate change along with a note put on the bill for customers who do not receive paper bills will be sent out starting July 1. Information will also be posted on the Department's web page. Upon a motion by Ms. Gonzales, seconded by Mrs. Pishkur, the Board approved the new rates.

Under old business:

- a. Superintendent Johnsen advised the Board of additional property owners requesting to be part of the Twilight Dr. extension project. Upon a motion by Mr. Sperling, seconded by Mrs. Pishkur, the board approved quoting the additional owners.
- b. Superintendent Johnsen provided the Board with an update regarding the industrial/commercial development near Johnson Road on US 20.
- c. Superintendent Johnsen advised the Board the Twilight Dr. main install will begin May 9, 2022.

- d. Superintendent Johnsen advised the Board that hydrant flushing is ongoing.

Under new business:

- a. Superintendent Johnsen advised the Board he will be attending the water and wastewater suppliers regional meeting through the Indiana Finance Authority on May 18, 2022 in Hobart.
- b. Superintendent Johnsen advised the Board that at the recent Indiana Section AWWA meeting, he officially began his role as the NW District Trustee.
- c. Superintendent Johnsen advised the Board that IDEM conducted triennial Sanitary Survey. A few minor issues were found and are being addressed, with most complete. There is one more significant issue concerning operator certification that we are forming a response to.
- d. Upon a motion by Ms. Gonzales, seconded by Mrs. Pishkur, the Board voted to cancel the May 10, 2022 meeting. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 24, 2022
- e. Ms. Gonzales asked for an update concerning the Love's project South of I-94. Superintendent Johnsen updated the Board.

There was no public comment.

Under Directors comments:

- a. Board President Behrendt requested a discussion at the next Board meeting of the 2021 Operating Report that was distributed at the April 5th meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion by Mr. Sperling, seconded by Mrs. Pishkur, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.