May 26, 2020

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 26, 2020, in the Main Office of the Department of Water Works, 532 Franklin Street.

A quorum was present with the following Board members in attendance: Messrs. Behrendt, Bush, Gring, Tsaparikos and Mrs. Pishkur. Also present were Superintendent Russell and Accountant Chris Wolfe. Mr. Behrendt presided.

Minutes of the March 24, April 14, April 28 and May 12, 2020, regular meetings were formerly approved as written.

The Board approved and signed Register of Claims Report 20-10.

Mr. Wolfe gave a general overview of the March and April 2020 Financial Statements. Upon a motion by Mrs. Pishkur, seconded by Mr. Tsaparikos, the March and April 2020 Financial Statements were approved as presented and passed.

The list of 3 purchase orders was presented and approved by the Board.

Superintendent Russell presented a memo regarding supplying water to residents on Redwing Drive in Springfield Township east of Michiana Shores, IN. Superintendent Russell recommends installing a 12” water main on Michiana drive that would provide water to potentially 10 existing homes with the plan of 4 more, and further taking ownership of the existing 6” main on Redwing Drive. The Department normally would quote an estimated price of $57,595.00 for the 12” main material, but due to the circumstances that revolve around the Michiana Michigan Water Authority, the land developer, and IDEM’s involvement. The Board decided that Supt. Russell’s presentation using “The Rate of Return” method in the water main extension policy was beneficial for the Department to utilize. The Department would recuperate the funds in 7.1-year payback, which is less than the maximum 8 years as outlined in the policy. Upon a motion by Mr. Tsaparikos, seconded by Mr. Gring, the Board approved installing a 12” Water Main.

Superintendent Russell presented a memo regarding the inspection of the Wash Water Tank, located at the Water Treatment Plant. The Department requested that Dixon Engineering provide a quote to inspect the Wash Water Tank. Inspection services includes cleaning, inspection, travel time, preparing the report as well as furnishing and applying chlorine after the inspection. Dixon Engineering quoted a price of $3,500.00. Superintendent Russell recommends approving this quote to begin the process. Upon a motion by Mrs. Pishkur, seconded by Mr. Gring, the Board approved Superintendents request.

There was no old business.

Under new business –
  a). Tank Painting Bid Opening on Thursday May 28 at 2 pm, here in the office.
  b). The 12” main for the James Burg Trucking Project is installed.
  c). The Corrosion Control Project is underway and is approximately 75% complete.

There was no public comment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion by Mr. Gring, seconded by Mr. Bush, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.