WATER BOARD MEETING
02/16/2016
6:00 P.M.
The meeting was called to order by Board President, Chuck Storie.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:
Present - Chuck Storie, Iris Wilhoit & Robin Meyer
Absent - Tony Higginbotham, Frank Massey

Minutes: The January 19, 2016 Minutes were accepted.

New Business:

1. Final Pay Request Veterans Way Water Line/Donna Lecher – Donna said the board would please find two claims for Dave O’Mara in their Accounts Payable packet. One is for Payment Request #8, in the amount of $35,771.00; and Payment Request #9 for the release of retainage in the amount of $6,318.19. (Both claims were certified by the Ron May, City Engineer.) Donna said that this marks the completion of this project which adds this as a Utility Asset. She raised the question whether this project would have a one year warranty period the same as when developers install water mains for subdivisions and dedicate them to the City. Ron May said this project was paid for through Honda Tiff and it was a part of the INDOT road project and that he hasn’t ever seen a warranty on any INDOT projects. City Attorney Chris Tebbe said there would be no need for a deed of dedication as we would be deeding it to ourselves. Ron also stated that the City was the inspector on the project and all was completed properly. Robin would like someone to report back next month on the warranty question.

2. HNTB River Intake/Darren Burkhart – Darren presented a visual PowerPoint report on the past months progress. The report started out with the overall Site Plan., Low Service Pump Station updates, Lower Service Pump Station updates, etc. Iris had an operational question about sediment hitting the baffles in the wet well. Darren explained that provisions are in place and went on to say that a small amount of sediment will get through but the screens will keep out leaves, etc. He also said the high service pumps are up off the bottom of the wet well and the water pressure from the pumps should keep the water moving and not much sediment will remain in there. Rick generally wouldn’t pump from the River if there is a lot of turbidity, he would draw from the Reservoir.

3. Triple R Equine/Rick Denney – Rick said he did get a call from Deb Richards, with Triple R Equine, and they do want to continue cutting hay. Rick said they have done a great job and it saves us money. Iris made the motion to continue allowing Triple R Equine to cut the hay at the Upland Reservoir, Robin seconded, roll call vote, all ayes and motion carried.

4. Water Plant Elevator/Rick Denney – Rick said there is a leak in the elevator tank and that he got wrote up because of it (inspection by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security 1/12/16). He said they use the elevator every week to transport chemicals upstairs. There was a quote in the board packet from Oracle saying they would charge $315.00 per hour and their rough estimate of time to complete the job was two days. The Mayor suggested getting a quote for a new tank. The board asked the age of the tank and Rick guessed it was from the early 50’s. He said 10-12 years ago he had some work done on it. The board asked if he was in a hurry to get it repaired. Rick said he has known about the leak since the inspection January 12, 2016. The board said to bring it back next month.

5. Consumer Confidence Report/Rick Denney – Rick said he has submitted the 2015 report to IDEM for approval. If nothing has been detected it doesn’t need to added to the report. He was asking their blessing to approve the report. Rick said he has to have it in the mail by July and went on to say last
year we outsourced the mailing which was much easier. **Robin made motion to approve the CCR for 2015, Iris seconded the motion, roll call vote as all ayes and the motion carried.**

6. **Operation's Report/Rick Denney** – Rick presented his 2015 Operations Report, which had a side-by-side comparison with 2014, and commented that locates increased over 2014. **Robin made the motion to approve the Operations Report for 2015, Iris seconded, roll call vote with all ayes and motion carried.** (Iris asked Rick what Mole Shots were and Rick explained it is directional boring under sidewalks or a road.)

7. **Mayor's Issues** – The Mayor was present and did not have anything to discuss.

**Chuck asked if anyone had anything else to come before the board** - Robin had a question for Rick; is our water safe to drink? In light of the Flint, Michigan lead problem that has been in the news recently, “I’m sure our consumers would like to know”. Rick replied: yes, in 1992 EPA instated the lead and copper rule. Greensburg started, and has completed, since the early 90s, the replacement of all lead services. With the lead goose necks and a low PH (or corrosive water) it will in time leach out the lead in the pipes and cause a high lead reading in the distribution system. There are a couple different ways to control PH, or corrosiveness of water; one being adding sodium bicarbonate at the reservoir to raise the alkalinity, the other to add caustic soda to the finished water, which is much more dangerous to handle.

Rick reported he, the Mayor and Darren Burkhart/HNTB, will be taking a field trip this coming Friday to look at the well field that was briefly discussed at last month’s meeting. He will report next month.

With no other business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Presiding Officer:  

Respectfully Submitted:  

Water Board Secretary