

WATER BOARD MEETING
APRIL 20, 2010
6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chuck Storie, Board President.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Board President Chuck Storie, Board Members; John Wall, Tony Higginbotham and Frank Massey; Rick Denney, Plant Superintendent, Terry Coriden and Bryce Wagner from Coriden Law Office, and Donna Lecher, Utilities Office Manager. Robin Meyer was absent.

The Minutes of the March 16th Water Board Meeting were approved.

The 1st item on the agenda was **UPLAND DAM INSPECTION REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL'S**. Rick Denney stated the DNR used to do the inspections. We are now responsible for the inspections. Since we can't find any plans from when the Upland Reservoir was built, we have to start from scratch and do an "As-Built & Geotechnical Engineering Study". Rick is going to do the action plan requirement himself. Rick and City Engineer Gary Murray sent out 8 Requests for Proposal and only 2 came back.

They are as follows:

1. Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LTD. - Indiana
2. Terra Site Development, Inc.

After discussion to make sure Rick can't find any documentation and has checked thoroughly for the missing plans, motion was made by Chuck and second by Tony to award the contract to Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LTD. The amount of the contract is \$21,550.00. All ayes and passed. (Quotes are on file in the Water Office.)

The 2nd item on the agenda was the **CCR APPROVAL**. The 2009 Consumer Confidence Report was presented to the Board by Rick Denney. Rick stated the report has been sent to the State for approval. John asked if there were any variations. Rick stated we have good water. Darren Burkhart asked about Atrazine. Rick said that we don't have any. There is going to be new standards in 2014. John asked about the hardness of the water. Rick stated we haven't softened water for awhile. We are using more well water which makes it harder. **Chuck made motion and John second to accept the 2009 CCR. All ayes and passed.**

The 3rd item on the agenda was **BUDGET CUTS**. Rick Denney was challenged by the Mayor at the March 16th board meeting to come up with a cost cutting plan for his department. Rick stated he had spoken to his operators and outside crews in trying to cut cost in operations. Some of his verbal proposals are:

- Shutting off lights
- Pumps
- Discontinuing the clothing contract with Unifirst and bumping up the taxable clothing allowance from \$350.00 to \$500.00 outside crew/\$225.00 to \$375.00 inside crew.
- Not rehiring the Temp Maintenance Supervisor this summer.

- Not hiring summer help to mow. Cutting back on the frequency of mowing and utilizing the current staff. (They mow approximately 140 acres.)
- Using PEX Plastic instead of Copper for service lines
- "On Call" guy will not come in on the weekends unless there is an emergency. Rick can monitor the system from home.
- Transferred one of his outside laborers to the Street Department on a temp basis to see if it is going to work out for both departments.
- Possibly switching to four-10 hour days. Possible hours 6:30am-5:00pm. (Rick mentioned the County Highway Department has done this for awhile. There was concern of doing locates since they have to be done 48 hours after notification. They will call in?? Chuck asked if Rick could rotate guys to be open on Fridays. Mayor Gary Herbert said there will be more ways to cut by the end of the year. Rick and the Mayor hadn't discussed a lot of this yet.)

Rick mentioned he needs a **HYDROSTOP ATTACHMENT**, which is used for doing wet taps. It will work on 4, 6 & 8 inch lines. He had a quote from 6/2008 for \$5,350.00. O'Mara's charge us \$4,000.00 per tap. Rick is going to check with the company to see if it is the same price or less. If it more he is to bring it back to next months board meeting, otherwise the board gave approval for the purchase. This item wasn't on the agenda.

Motion was made by John and 2nd by Tony. All ayes and passed.

John asked Rick if the Hydrostop attachmet was for the Greenview Addition line they had discussed at last months meeting. Rick said no, they are going to replace some line on Bryant Street to Broadway. John also asked about the 3rd Street water project that was discussed about 1 1/2 years ago and was wondering what we had decided to do with it. The City tried to get a grant for \$500,000.00 to run 1500' of 8" C900 line and install hydrants as well. It was denied, we applied again and was denied a second time. John hadn't heard anymore about it. He stated there was no fire protection on the 2" galvanized water line and asked if it was a public safety issue. Scott Chasteen mentioned they know about it and in the case of a fire they would come equipped. The public was concerned, but not enough to call when we applied for the grant the 2nd time. The citizens were given notice by hand delivery. John asked Rick what our high priority items were and if we should get-the-ball rolling again on the 3rd street project? John stated we, as board members, would like to see a list and be proactive. Rick stated there are quite a few Ludlow Hydrants that need replaced.

Rick mentioned they will be flushing hydrants the 2nd week of May. No exact date is set yet. This year the Fire Department is going to help.

The **4th** item was **HNTB UPDATES**. Darren mentioned the State approved the SRF loan for the Raw Water Line, by letter dated 4/19/2010. There is a balance of \$1,978,266.00 of SRF Funds. The remainder of the project will be funded by the HONDA TIF Bonds. The board signed the Agreement between the City of Greensburg (Owner) and Infrastructure Systems, Inc. (Contractor) for the Phase 2A Waterworks Improvements, Division 1-Flatrock Raw Water Main in the amount of \$4,202,853.00. The Agreement was accompanied by a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond. Darren mentioned they should be gearing up soon. There will only be a handful of shop drawings, which haven't been submitted yet. **Motion was made by Frank and second by Chuck to accept the Contract Agreement/Payment Bond and the Motion to Proceed letter. All ayes and passed.**

MAYOR GARY HERBERT - ISSUES THAT HE WISHES TO PRESENT TO BOARD was the final item on the agenda. Mayor Herbert was not present at the time due attending a concurrent City Zoning meeting.

Donna Lecher mentioned the information that was provided in boards packets from Chris Downs, Johnson Controls, regarding water meters. This information was addressed at the Board of Works at their April 5th meeting, but due to time restraints a full presentation was not done. Johnson Controls does Performance Contracting. Mr. Downs wants to do a feasibility audit of our system at no cost. The board asked if there are other companies that provide the same service. They were concerned that they would want us to buy their product. Donna is to check to see if there are other companies that provide this service and report back next month. The meter issue was tabled for another month.

Donna mentioned a new policy of a "Summer Sewage Credit", that was passed by the Council as part of Sewer Ordinance 2010-1, affective 5/1/2010. Consumers will be billed for average winter consumption for the months of November-February on bills June-September. They will be billed the smaller of the 2 consumptions.

Donna also mentioned a reimbursement of funds from the Bank of New York for deposits made by the Water and Wastewater Utilities for the months of 5/2008 through 5/2009 for Debt Reserve requirements. The payments were supposed to be made by County TIF Funds, but since tax statements went out late, the funds were not there to pay from. The water reimbursement was \$113,040.00, the sewers being \$153,478.00. The money was deposited into Water General and Sewer General.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER _____

ATTEST: _____
Donna M. Lecher
Water Office Manager