

WATER BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 8, 2008  
6:05 P.M.

PRESENT: Board Vice President Robin Meyer, chairing in the absence of Chuck Storie, Board Members; Frank Massey and Tony Higgenbotham; Rick Denney, Plant Superintendent, City Attorney Matthew Bailey and Donna Lecher, Water Office Manager, taking the minutes in the absence of June Ryle.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Minutes of the November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting were approved.

The 1<sup>st</sup> item on the agenda was **3, 4 and 7 well update**. Rick presented a letter from Barry Singleton with National Water Services, Paoli, Indiana, giving work completed and recommendations of needed repairs as follows:

**Well #4**-bowl assembly was completely plugged with mineral deposits. Cleaned and reinstalled for \$1,400.00. Pump assembly removed from well after testing to allow down-hole video survey to check well for misalignment or structural problem \$1,500.00.

**Well #7**-Attempt to test (no flow). Removed pump and found that bowl assembly was separated and beyond repair. Temporary pump end set on customer's existing motor, including labor and materials to reinstall, \$3,004.00

New motor and pump for Well #7 including labor and equipment to install, \$6,428.00.

*Well cleaning of Well #4 to be determined after video survey.*

*As reported #7 & Well #3 Wells capacity is good and no cleaning required at this time.*

**Tony made motion to pay for work completed, \$4,404.00, and to approve the needed work in the amount of \$7,928.00. Frank second the motion, all ayes and passed.**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> item on the agenda was **HNTB Proposal**. Darren Burkhart presented three proposals for the new 49,000 foot, 24" Raw Water Line that is to replace the existing 14" line from Flat Rock River to the Water Plant on N. Ireland Street. The original thought, Option #1, was to piggy back the existing easement to simplify since all of the projects had a short window for completion. The owners of the parcels involved in option #1 do not want to grant an easement; therefore Condemnation would be needed. Option #2, which Rick Denney recommends, is to reroute along the North side of I-74 in the State right-of-way. Darren, from an Engineering standpoint, recommends Option #3, to reroute in a purchased easement along the South side of I-74. No decision was made due to two board members being absent. It was decided to have an **Executive Session December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 from 6-7 pm with a Special Meeting to follow.**

**HNTB update** was the next item to come before the board. Darren presented visual updates of all of the current projects in process between both utilities. Darren estimated all of the current projects should be completed by March 2009.

The next item that came before the board was **Handheld Radios**. Donna Lecher, Utilities Office Manager, stated these were actually **handheld computers** that upload meter readings into our system. The type of handhelds (2) they have, Psion, which were purchased in 2002, are no longer made, but can be rebuilt for \$300.00. This information was acquired after the board packets had been delivered. It was decided to do this instead of purchasing new, as the quotes were between \$4,757.00 and \$5,529.00 for new. Donna also stated the radio read system they have in place now is picking up approximately 60% of the readings and a new system needs to be put in place as soon as possible. The board is going to address this issue the beginning of next year.

**Mayor Gary Herbert - Issues that he wishes to present to the board** was the final item on the agenda. With no issues to present, Tony made motion to adjourn, Frank second, and the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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Donna M. Lecher

Water Office Manager