

WATER BOARD MEETING
JUNE 16, 2009
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; Frank Massey and John Wall; Rick Denney, Plant Superintendent, Scott Andrews from Coriden Law Office, in the place of Terry Coriden and Donna Lecher, Water Office Manager, taking the minutes in the absence of June Ryle. Board Members Robin Meyer and Tony Higginbotham were absent.

The Minutes of the May 19th, 2009 meeting were approved.

The 1st item on the agenda was **DUMP TRUCK**. This is in regards to the 1986 International Rick had previously gotten quotes on to repair. Repairs were too costly for the age of the truck so a quote was gotten from Shirk's International, Inc. for a used 2003 International 4300 to transfer our bed to. The quote for the used vehicle was \$13,500.00 and the cost to transfer the bed was \$2,850.00, total cost being \$16,350.00. Rick suggested we table the issue until later as they have been using the Street Departments dump truck.

The 2nd item on the agenda was **FLOURIDE**. Rick had talked to a couple Doctors that stated there is nothing wrong with Fluoride. Rick suggests we start feeding it again. He stated the State of Indiana has Dentists that could come do a presentation. John Wall asked about the Sewer Plant regulations and what affect it would have on them if we started feeding it again. Darren Burkhart stated the State is going to monitor it over the life of their permit, 5 years. It doesn't appear as being as big an issue as we had thought previously. Darren said he doesn't know of any utilities that have stopped feeding fluoride once they have started and that 98% of the larger utilities feed it. Rick stated we spend approximately \$16-18,000.00 a year to feed. Darren's opinion was the benefits outweigh the risks. Rick stated we have .3-.4 parts per million naturally in our water and the decision is whether to add the difference to bring it to 1 part per million. He stated his State Inspector recommends it. John stated that he had done research and saw both positive and negative opinions. Frank Massey asked about the negative literature that was included in their packets. John wonders what the local Board of Health thinks. Rick is to ask the Board of Health. The Mayor asked what if the Board of Health's remarks are inconclusive. It was decided to table this until next month.

CHEMICAL BIDS was the next item to come before the board. City Attorney representative, Scott Andrews opened the 5 bids that were turned in. It was decided Rick Denney take the bids to prepare a spread sheet to bring to the next board meeting. A decision will be made at that time. Submitted bids:

1. Harrison Ford
2. Brentagg Mid-South Inc.
3. Chemicals Inc.
4. Sal Chemical
5. Jones Chemicals Inc.

HNTB UPDATES was presented by Darren Burkhart. He brought before the board the "Certificate of Substantial Completion" for Mitchell & Stark Construction Co., Inc., for Phase 2A Waterworks Improvements, Division 2-Plant and Pump Station Upgrades. The official date of completion is 4/2/2009 which marks the beginning of the 1 year warranty period. Darren stated the City should start insurance coverage. They recommend \$247,317.00 of retainage to be released. **Chuck Storie made motion to accept the recommend Certification of Completion, John Wall second and motion carried.**

Darren presented the June 2009 STATUS REPORT.

Mayor Gary Herbert - Issues that he wishes to present to the board was the final item on the agenda. **Joe King, owner of the 638 Park Road trailer park** was present to see if the board made a decision to take over the water lines in his park. He stated it started with Shel Smith in 1989. Gary is to check with Frank Hamilton, the Attorney for the City at that time, to see if he has any written documentation in his files as we have searched all of the records hear back to the early 1980's and found nothing. The board feels the attorney should be the one to make the call, as we would need easements to the property through deed of dedication. At the last board meeting, City Attorney representative Terry Coriden stated Mr. King should provided the city written documentation and we would pursue from there. Gary stated to give the City Attorney any written documentation acquired for them to look over.

Mayor Gary Herbert brought before the board the **Water Utility Financial Analysis that was prepared by H J Umbaugh & Associates 2/9/2009**. It was noted an increase of 3% each year for the years 2009, 2010 & 2011 was recommended. We are going to revisit this next month.

Donna Lecher, Utilities Office Manager, brought before the board an **Identity Theft Prevention Program** policy for the board members to sign. The Board of Works signed the policy at their 5/4/2009 meeting. The policy was signed by the board members present.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER _____

ATTEST:

Donna M. Lecher
Water Office Manager