

WATER BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2010
6:00 P.M.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

The Minutes of the August 17th, 2010 Water Board Meeting were approved.

- 1. RADIO READ METERS** – Discussion was held on the Utilities 1,000 radio read meters. Rick stated the Board had wanted him to get involved in the meter situation. Rick's opinion was to get the original 1,000 back in service by purchasing new Hersey/Firefly registers from Mueller for \$80.00-\$85.00 each. (Donna reported that Mueller Systems announced 1/12/10 that it integrated its Hersey Meters business with its Mueller Systems division. Hersey Meters has been part of Mueller Co. since 1988. Mueller has been in existence since 1859.) The original system purchased is Hersey Meter/Ramar radios. Donna also reported Pete Brown, from Mueller Systems gave the Utility 20 Hersey/Firefly radio read meters which were installed 8/9/10. He has been reading them once a month for us. Rick rode along with Pete and Donna for the September readings and was impressed. Rick stated he had previously spoken to Erich Nugent, with Utility Supply/Neptune meters, and the cost for their system was approximately \$180-200.00 for each meter/radio component. They would not be able to retrofit any meters other than Neptune. City Attorney Terry Coriden said it would have to be bid. Robin suggested getting specifications drawn for what we are wanting. The Board was interested in riding along with the October reading. Donna is going to email the board to let them know the date and time.
- 2. TRAILER PURCHASE** – Rick brought before the board, copies of quotes Mark Klosterkemper, Street Commissioner, had approved through the Board of Works for a trailer to transport the Roller that was jointly purchased (Street, Water, Sewer each 1/3) at the end of 2009. The trailer the Board of Works approved was through Miller Equipment for \$5,475.00. Rick's request was that Water pay 1/3, \$1,825.00. The Board asked if the water company uses it that much and Rick said probably 80% of the time. Motion to approve by Robin, second by Chuck, all ayes and passed.

Rick reported on Well #4 which is located north of the Water Plants north building. He said National Water had been onsite 2-3 days installing and upsizing from an 8" to a 10" casing. They are hoping to increase from 450 to 750 GPM. They then will be test drilling in the area of County Road 420 West. We are hoping to find sand and gravel wells instead of rock wells. The mission is to make maximum capacity at the new Ground Water Plant, 2 MGPD.

John asked about Flatrock, if the water was still flowing. Rick stated the water is just above the damn and the reservoir is full. He also asked about the aquifer and the water table. Rick said Barry Singleton, with National Water, gets water table levels and has records over the last 20-25 years. Rick will bring the records to the next meeting.

Chuck asked if consumption was up. Rick said yes, they had some 2.4 to 2.5 MGD days. John asked if we are on a “no watering” advisory and Rick stated “once we can’t pump out of Flatrock, we would do that”. John was concerned about alternative water sources. Rick said they can take 9 MGD out of Flatrock and jokingly, if we took all of the fish out of the reservoir we would have more capacity.

Rick stated the GEOTECH Survey is done, the plans are set and we are in compliance.

Robin asked how the drought from 3-4 years ago compares to the lack of rain now (Indianapolis recorded the driest August in history). Rick stated as long as it rains up North, we are ok.

- 3. **HNTB UPDATES** – Darren Burkhardt presented Pay Request #3 for \$1,023,525.00 for Infrastructure Systems, Inc., contractors of the Raw Water Line. About 30% has been installed. They have done a couple of bores. The directional bore under Clifty Creek will be the biggest. They did the Interstate 74 bore when it was dry. They have been installing an average of 400 foot a day. It is a lot slower than going through an open field. They have been fighting fiber optic, that had been put in after the surveys were done and on the shelf. They are about 1 ½ weeks away from the Reservoir. In the bid the contractor could choose what type of pipe to use. The contractor chose ductile iron, which doesn’t require granular bedding. We will get a credit of approx. \$84,000.00. He stated they did a good job on 421 and has been working with the County on open cuts. Robin asked what the completion date is. Darren stated November 27th, 2010, which is still on target.

- 4. **MAYOR GARY HERBERT - ISSUES THAT HE WISHES TO PRESENT TO THE BOARD.** The Mayor mentioned that Rural Water was anticipating more usage in the future. Ersel Rogers is to come to the next Water Board Meeting.

Chuck adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.

PRESIDING OFFICER _____

ATTEST: _____
Donna M. Lecher
Water Office Manager