

WATER BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 18, 2011

6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by board member Robin Meyer, in the board president's absence (Chuck Storie and Frank Massey were absent).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Minutes of the September 20, 2011 Water Board Meeting were approved.

**New Business**

1. **METER TESTING ORDINANCE REVIEW** – Rick said at last months meeting discussion was to make our original Meter Testing Ordinance have more teeth (fines). He said he knew of three (3) other utilities in Indiana, Elkhart, Marion and New Castle, that didn't own their large meters. Rick provided the board with a Water Utility Administration Ordinance for the City of Elkhart, Indiana. Their fine is \$2,500.00 a day for non-compliance. John questioned whether to take over the large meters due to liability. City attorney rep Bryce Wagner said we could do a blanket indemnification to get around the risk of liability. Rick was to check with our current insurance carrier to see how much our insurance premium would increase. Rick asked the board if they wanted him to put together their notes or to wait. The board asked Rick to put a pencil to the difference of taking over the meters or not with different scenarios and report next month.

Rick mentioned they found the leak on 421 South by St. Mary's. There was a wooden plug in a strangler line in front of Scheidler Glass.

2. **FORSYTHE WATER LINE** – Rick provided a quote in the amount of **\$8,234.28**, from Utility Supply Company, for materials to replace a 2" galvanized line from Ireland to Monfort Street. Rick stated it would take 1 ½-2 weeks to replace. They have been having leaks and there are no hydrants. There are about 10 residents that will be affected. The main is on the south side of the road. Water personnel will be doing the work. **John made motion and Tony second to replace the line. All eyes and motion carried.**
3. **BUSH HOGG** – Rick presented three (3) quotes for a new bush hogg. Their current one is 21 years old. Rick said the gear box has been rebuilt 4-5 times at a cost of \$500.00-\$600.00 each time it is rebuilt. The bush hogg isn't in need of repair at this time. After board discussion it was decided to defer the purchase until next spring.

**MAYOR GARY HERBERT – ISSUES THAT HE WISHES TO PRESENT TO THE BOARD** – Dr. Rodney King presented the report from the Purdue "Critical Thinking" class titled "Recommendation Report for Greensburg Water Meters". Dr. King stated the Meter Committee was having problems with separating facts & figures. This class took the emotions out of the equation. The class went through the bids from the Vendors and recommended the Datamatic fixed base network system. It is an up to date system and can find leaks faster. They looked at finances and it would benefit to have a company install to maintain warranty. He stated we could afford it by financing over a 7

year period, without raising rates. The financing would be a little more expensive, but worth it because of the extras it has. We would be one of the 1<sup>st</sup> cities in this area to put in this system. We could be a showcase, which could possibly decrease the initial cost. Industrial meters produce 66% of the cities revenue and their average accuracy is 93%. The sooner they get new meters (installed) the better. Rick stated he was concerned about the system being new. "We have been down that road before", he stated. John asked if there was any around here. Rodney stated none in the Midwest; the closest is Bowling Green, Ohio. The Mayor mentioned it would cost \$381,000.00 for installation.

**Robin said he would like the Meter Committee to get together again to discuss the class's recommendation and to take it seriously. There are many people involved and to keep the emotions out.**

**The Mayor read the closing statement from the report:**

*In closing, we the "Critical Thinking Organization Leadership" class have done considerable research. We have referenced vendor manuals, utilized internet searches, and met with key members of the city. Our objective is to lend an unbiased recommendation to the city in making a decision in the purchase of a new water meter system. Thank you again for allowing us the opportunity to serve the City of Greensburg in this capacity.*

**The Board extended their thanks and appreciation to Dr. King and the Critical Thinking class, for the work they did.**

With nothing more to come before the board, Robin made motion and John seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm.

PRESIDING OFFICER

John W. Wall

Chuck Stone

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WATER BOARD SECRETARY