

WATER BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 15, 2011

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, Bryce Wagner from Coriden Law Office, City Engineer, Gary Murray, Gary Herbert, Mayor and Donna Lecher, Utilities Office Manager.

*ABSENT* -

The Minutes of the October 18, 2011 Water Board Meeting were approved.

**New Business**

1. **JUSTIN TAYLOR WATER ADJUSTMENT-** Mr. Taylor approached the board with a request for a water adjustment. His property had been broken into between the dates of November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Justin did not live at the residence and visited on Election Day (the 8<sup>th</sup> of November) to find water pouring out of the top of the hot water heater, which flooded the house as well as the yard. A police report was filed. Justin stated he was a full-time college student and this bill will be a hardship to pay. Chuck asked Justin if he had checked with insurance and Justin said the insurance wouldn't cover it since he didn't live at the residence. **After board discussion John made motion, with Tony seconding, to deny the adjustment.** Mayor Herbert asked if he could speak. He felt the board was rubbing salt in the wound and recommends some kind of adjustment. **After more discussion and legal counsel recommendation stating they didn't want to set a precedence of adjusting bills due to break-ins, Chuck made motion and Frank seconded to deny the adjustment request. The board agreed to allow Justin to pay the bill over a six (6) month period. All ayes and motion carried.**
2. **RADIO READ METERS** – Meter Committee Member, Robin Meyer, reported the committee met two weeks ago and had 8-10 people there. He stated the group recommended reference checks as well as sight visits and was not at a consensus yet; therefore the committee was not comfortable making a recommendation right now. The committee appreciates the work Dr. King's class did. His group brought out a lot of good points. Robin stated the committee group needs to meet again as soon as possible because this has gone on long enough. He stated that once the committee makes a recommendation the board can feel assured it will be well thought. This was tabled for another month.

Rick addressed the board on the topic of our **LARGE METERS**. In the Board's packets was pricing for large meters as well as usage reports that show the number of large meters we have. Rick stated nailing down a figure is hard to do. Rick said he contacted our insurance

company and said there would be no premium increase for working on someone else's property, if we choose to take over the large meters, we are covered. Robin asked what our next step is. Rick asked if the board would want to take over the large meters and he stated he thinks we should. Rick said there are only 3 other communities in Indiana that don't own their large meters. Robin said he would like to see the numbers for both sides, owning or not. The Mayor stated we discussed this last month. He recommended enforcing the Ordinance on the books. It would be cheaper to add provisions to the Ordinance rather than take them over.

**After lengthy discussion, motion was made by John and seconded by Tony to:**

- **Send meter testing letters – have special notice added to those that violated last time**
- **Have City Counsel, Bryce Wagner, look at our current Ordinance and recommend changes for penalties**
- **Report to the board next month for the cost of taking over large meters vs. enforcing the Meter Testing Ordinance;**

*Noting as well the decision to take over the large meters is tabled for this month.*  
**All Ayes and the motion carried.**

Rick brought two identical quotes before the board for a replacement 2" Honda Trash Pump for the Water Plant:

- Greensburg Motorsports      \$1,082.15
- Schmidt Engine                      \$1,299.15

**John made motion and Tony seconded to accept the quote from Greensburg Motorsports for \$1,082.15. All ayes and motion carried.**

John asked Rick if we heard anything from the person who was going to buy the timber at the Flatrock property. Rick said he will check with Brian. John also asked Rick if he could update the board periodically on our aquifer. Rick said he will have the guy that does our wells come talk to the board. John asked if Honda was using more water since they started their second shift. Rick stated yes and that we are doing fine. He hasn't started plant two for some time. John requested updates from time to time.

Rick said the Board needs to meet in **Executive Session** for the leasing and purchasing of property. After discussion it was decided to meet **November 22, 2011, 6pm at City Hall.**

**MAYOR GARY HERBERT – ISSUES THAT HE WISHES TO PRESENT TO THE BOARD – Nothing**

With nothing more to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned by Chuck at 6:57pm.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Donna M. Lecher (Chuck Sprialsant)

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ATTEST: Donna M. Lecher  
WATER BOARD SECRETARY