

WATER BOARD MEETING  
 FEBRUARY 21, 2012  
 6:00 P.M.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL:**

*PRESENT* - Board President, Chuck Storie; Board Members: Tony Higginbotham, Frank Massey, John Wall and Robin Meyer; Rick Denney, Water Plant Superintendent; Bryce Wagner from Coriden Law Office; City Engineer, Gary Murray; Gary Herbert, Mayor; and Donna Lecher, Utilities Office Manager.

*ABSENT* – None

The Minutes from the January 17, 2012 meeting were approved.

**New Business**

1. **BOARD APPOINTMENTS** – A letter was distributed in the board member's packets from Mayor Gary Herbert dated February 1, 2012, showing the current board members and their expiration dates. The Mayor stated he confirmed with the City Attorney that the terms expire at the end of May, not the end of the year. He went on to say the Mayor, as well as the City Attorney, used to have positions on the board. Robin asked what the process of reappointing members is. The Mayor stated it is the Mayor's sole discretion. He also stated he tracked each position back to 1954. The Mayor is going to resubmit the letter next month, with the addition of term dates, to place in the minutes for future reference.
2. **WATER ADJUSTMENT** – Rick presented a request for a water adjustment for account #124973. The notes on the request stated the consumer found their commode running once between their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> billing cycle. The consumer thought the high consumption could not have been caused by a commode. The consumer had stated the secretary is only there a half day a couple times a week. Donna stated we did everything we could to investigate for a possible leak, which included testing the meter.  
*The meter test came back as:*  
 Fast flow-100.00%/Medium flow-99.00%/Slow flow-85.00%/Average-94.60%  
 The high consumption was 11,266 cu ft and their average is 15 cu ft. After discussion, Robin stated that once the meter is on it is the consumer's responsibility. With that said, **Robin made motion to deny the adjustment request with John seconding the motion. All Ayes and motion carried.**
3. **HOLLAND LEASE** – Rick stated the lease renews every spring on April 1. He also stated that he met with a representative from the DNR, Mr. Holland and Brian Cruser, the forester, at the property. They were to walk the land for logging, but it was too wet to look at it. Mr. Cruser was to get back with Mr. Holland and himself and they haven't heard anything yet. Chuck asked if it would hurt their farm ground if they logged it; Rick stated it wouldn't. Tony asked if Rick had contacted David Wilson,

with the local Extension Office. Rick is going to check with the DNR and give them 30 days to respond. John asked what the lease was per acre. The Mayor asked if the property was landlocked. Bryce said that someone has to grant an easement if so. Chuck said there is 135 total acres with 59 tillable, about \$90 an acre. Rick said in order to get to the property we would have to cut a road through the woods about 150 yards and that it is all bottom property. Chuck stated Bill Smith was on the Water Board and worked for RFD Realty, he had said that the price was good then. The other adjacent property owner is Mike Richards. John asked if Rick would contact him to see if he is interested in farming the property. **Robin made motion, with John seconding, to renew the lease this year for the Holland's. All Ayes and the motion passed.** Rick is going to talk to Mr. Richards to see if he is interested in leasing the property next year.

4. **TRENKAMP CLAIM** – Rick stated last January that Danielle Trenkamp hit a pot hole in front of the hospital (the water company had repaired a water leak). She submitted a claim in the amount of \$94.60 for a hubcap and 15" rim. Our insurance adjuster said it was our fault and that the other two claims that were submitted at the same time were denied. Rick said the City switched insurance carriers and the claim got lost in the shuffle. **Robin made motion to pay the claim to Ms. Trenkamp in the amount of \$94.60, with Tony seconding the motion. All Ayes and motion carried.** Frank asked what process we are going to follow in the future. Rick stated we are turning all claims into our insurance company.

**MAYOR GARY HERBERT – ISSUES THAT HE WISHES TO PRESENT TO BOARD.** Mayor Herbert made reference to water and sewer account #106458. The account has been double billed for 14 years. He stated the consumer was requesting reimbursement. Tim Coriden, City Attorney, stated in a letter that the board could approve no more than 10 years refund and recommended an Ordinance to only reimburse no more than 2 years in the future. **John made motion to pay back 10 years, Frank seconded the motion, all Ayes and motion carried.** The consumer is requesting a lump sum payment.

Mr. Means had arrived late and was in the audience (agenda item 2). Rick asked if he wanted to address the board. Mr. Means stated his secretary is only in the office 3 days a week for 4 hours. He said a toilet had been sticking and he fixed it. He said we (the Water Office) did testing and didn't find anything (meter tested). He mentioned the road had been blocked off & there were trenches in their driveway with water running all over. Chuck asked if they had an outside hydrant. He said yes and thinks it might be on a well. He went on to say Jim Moscato owns the property and the building has 2 restrooms; he found 1 leaking. Robin stated we don't adjust water. Bryce stated there is no indication of liability on the City's part and that it is city policy to not accept liability. Mr. Means asked about the farm ground that is leased and if there is any other property for sale. He is looking for deer hunting. Rick stated it would be about a year before we would know if we are to going to sell it.

The meter committee has been diligently meeting to arrive at a solution for the Water Meter Reading System, stated Robin Meyer. We have had several meetings and are getting close to a recommendation. He commended the committee.

With nothing more to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned by Chuck Storie at 6:50pm.

PRESIDING OFFICER C. Stone

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Frank Massey

John W. Wall

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ATTEST: Donna Lecher  
WATER BOARD SECRETARY