

## UTILITY IMPACT BOARD MINUTES

# July 20, 2015

| NAME         | AREA REPRESENTED                           | PRESENT | ABSENT |
|--------------|--|---------|--------|
| Greg York    | New Castle Mayor                           | X       |        |
| Dave Barker  | Director of Public Works                   | X       |        |
| Greg Crider  | City Attorney                              | X       |        |
| Kenny Melton | Building Commissioner                      | X       |        |
| Greg Phipps  | Superintendent Waterworks                  | X       |        |
| Ed Hill      | GIS/MS4 Coordinator                        | X       |        |
| Janice Burns | Manager Utilities Office                   | X       |        |
| Fred Duvall  | Superintendent Non-Certified<br>Wastewater |         | X      |

This meeting was called to order by Dave B. at 9:31 a.m.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Dave B. asked if there were any corrections to the previous meeting. Janice made a motion to approve them as presented. Ed seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Michelle Bair came before the board with a concern for her rental property at 516 S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street. Her tenants had taken residence in January 2015, and with the winter weather the water department was unable to read meters. In April it was discovered the service line was leaking and the tenants were informed. Water Dept. personnel had worked with the tenants to isolate the leak to the service line in the front yard. Ms. Bair became aware of the issue in the course of this investigation, and is currently in the process of evicting the tenants. Greg P. had advised Ms. Bair to install a new service instead of trying to repair the existing service to save money. The current service would require extensive excavation. Ms. Bair agreed, and has scheduled a crew to install the new service at the rear of the property. A new meter set has been placed. Ms. Bair asked the board to waive the excess water and sewer charges. It was explained to her the sewer portion could be waived, but State law does not allow a waiver of water charges. It was further explained the charges will follow the tenant to their new account, but if it is not paid it is given to a collection agency and after a year the charges will revert back to the property owner. It was discussed that the tap fee could be waived and the sewer portion waived. Mayor York asked the board to table it to allow further investigation. Kenny made a motion to table, with Janice's second. Motion carried unanimously.

Steven Shaul appeared before the board. He purchased a parcel with a mobile home at 1606 Michigan Avenue. He intends to remove the mobile home and construct a modular home on the site. His investigation has discovered the lack of service for sewer. It is presently served with a septic tank. He asked the board if a sewer would be provided for the parcel, or if he would be required to make the

connection 200-250 feet in either direction. The board will investigate the matter. Janice made a motion to table it. Kenny seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Georgia Marsh had appeared before the board questioning her requirement to connect to both sewer and water service. She had sought to connect to sewer only, but was told she would have to connect to both because they were available. Janice researched and found that without water service her flat-rate sewer bill would be \$72.00 in addition to the fees she is paying now. It was determined her overall bill would be much less if it was based on water usage, requiring her to connect to the water. It was decided the water connection fee would be waived, but the sewer connection fee remains. Janice will contact her to explain the differences in charges, and the board's decision on connection fees.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**UTILITY OFFICE ADJUSTMENT.** Janice made a motion to approve an adjustment for July 7 to July 17, 2015 in the amount of \$(3325.43). Ed seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**BOARD MEMBERS BUSINESS:** None

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am

Minutes submitted by: Ed Hill

Next meeting will be Monday, August 3, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.