

## UTILITY IMPACT BOARD MINUTES

April 17, 2017

NAME	AREA REPRESENTED	PRESENT	ABSENT
Greg York	New Castle Mayor	X	
Dave Barker	Director of Public Works & Safety	X	
Dave Copenhagen	City Attorney	X	
Kenny Melton	Building Commissioner	X	
Greg Phipps	Superintendent Waterworks	X	
Ed Hill	GIS Coordinator	X	
Mark Stacy	Utility Office Manager	X	
Fred Duvall	Superintendent Non-Cert. Wastewater		X

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Barker at 9:35 a.m.

Mr. Barker asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the previous meeting.

Mr. Phipps made the motion to approve them as presented, with Mr. Stacy seconding. Motion passed unanimously.

**CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD:** Mike McKown, owner of a property at 1802 Ross Street, came before the Board to contest a bill he had received. Utility records indicate water service was activated by request from Mr. McKown on 1/9/14. Mr. McKown denies he made the request, and was not present at the residence when it was activated. The account was set up in Mr. McKowns name and the billing address was 417 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street (Mr. McKown's business address). Two payments were made on 2/7/14 and 4/8/14, but there is no record of who made them. It was presumed the tenants made the payments to avoid interruption of service. On 6/27/14 the service was terminated and the account finalized with a balance of \$381.71. On 5/9/16 the account was credited \$161.56 for a leak adjustment in 2014, and again on 11/03/16 for \$0.43 from another account of Mr. McKown. The tenants moved out in the middle of the night, according to Mr. McKown, and feels the tenants stole the water, and therefore he should not be responsible for the past due account. Mr. Copenhagen explained what constitutes theft, and told him this did not meet that standard. Instead, he said, it was an issue of non-payment of a service. Mr. McKown said he had agreed to include the water bill in his suit against the tenants, for back rent and damages, because of a request made by Janice Burns. Christy York told the Board, Ms. Burns denied making that request during a conversation on this matter. Mr. McKown said he had never received a bill on this account until the first one arrived 2-1/2 years after the account was finalized. Ms. York reiterated the account billing address was 417 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, and no other address was associated with the account during that time. Mr. Copenhagen made a motion to take the issue under advisement, and have a decision at the next meeting. Mr. Melton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Stacy made a motion to approve utility adjustments from 4/4/17 to 4/12/17 in the amount of -\$690.31. Mr. Melton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Melton presented an application for water service at 3701 S. Memorial Drive. Mr. Phipps said a meter set was already installed for the property and recommended acceptance. The Board approved the application.

**BOARD MEMBERS BUSINESS:** None

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Ed Hill

Next meeting: Monday, May 1, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.