

UTILITY IMPACT BOARD MINUTES

February 20, 2018

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. Melton seconding. Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD: Glenda Logston, accompanied by Chris Lacey, appeared before the Board seeking reimbursement of storm water bills on property she owns. Mayor York asked Mr. Stacy to explain the history of the dispute. Mr. Stacy said the properties in question had originally been separate with a house standing on the forward lot (2820 Broad Street), and the muffler business on the rearward lot (103 N. 29th Street). The house had been demolished 30 years ago, but the lot remained. In 2010 the two lots were combined by the County and until 2017 the storm water bill had not reflected that separation. Mrs. Logston said her late husband had complained about the billing, and she had also, but was told there was nothing that could be done about it. She is seeking reimbursement on all the payments back to 2010. Ms. York told the Board, when it had come to her attention, she agreed to reimburse the prior 19 months in order to clear the outstanding bill. Policy allows a maximum of 12 months reimbursement. Mr. Copenhagen told Mrs. Logston to not expect anything to change, but the City would look into the possibility of reimbursing the full amount. Mr. Copenhagen made a motion to table the issue to allow for more time to investigate, with Mr. Phipps seconding. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Duvall told the Board the surveillance system at the WPCF is in need of upgrading. He said a lot of the system is not functioning and needs updated. Mayor York said he had not been told of the situation, and told him to put in writing what is needed.

Mr. Phipps informed the Board the water plant does not have a security system. Mr. York gave the same instructions to him.

Mr. Melton presented an application from the Humane Society for sewer and water connections to an expansion project on site. Mr. Copenhagen made the motion to approve the connections. Mr. Melton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stacy made a motion to approve utility office adjustments for the period of February 6 to February 15, 2018. Mr. Copenhagen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD MEMBERS BUSINESS: Mr. Stacy and Ms. York announced a new hire in the City Clerk's office. Loretta Perry will be taking over duties as Accountant/Bookkeeper.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Ed Hill

Next meeting: Monday, March 5, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.