

## UTILITY IMPACT BOARD MINUTES

### October 1, 2018

NAME	AREA REPRESENTED	PRESENT	ABSENT
Greg York	New Castle Mayor	X	
Dave Barker	Director of Public Works & Safety	X	
Dave Copenhaver	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 9:37 a.m.

Mr. Barker asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. Copenhaver made the motion to approve them as presented, with Mr. Melton seconding. Motion passed unanimously.

**CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mr. Phipps told the Board that work was finished at the Guest House property. Bruce Aaron paid \$1000 up front and has agreed to pay the remainder when the invoices come in. Mr. Phipps is compiling them.

Mr. Melton reported the cross-connection was fixed at the Dudley property. There is a significant amount of water entering the sewer system from wells that are not metered. IDEM is still working with the property owners to resolve issues with the wells. Mr. Melton said they had discussed metering the sewer, but it was cost prohibitive.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A maintenance agreement for the I Avenue water tower was discussed. The maintenance plan was obtained through competitive bidding, and includes painting of the tower inside and out, and a ten year warranty with all maintenance issues covered for the same period. Mr. Phipps made the motion to approve the agreement, with Mr. Melton seconding. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stacy presented a request to waive the connection fee from Jameson Werking. He owns 219 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street and discovered an underground leak. In the course of repairing it he found that the service line ran across a neighboring property, and under the dwelling. He wishes to install a new meter in front of his house and connect to the main properly. After a brief discussion Mr. Stacy made the motion to approve the waiver, with Mr. Duvall seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Melton presented an application for a sewer connection at 1500 Washington Street. The property is served by a septic system and is seeking to abandon it. Mr. Melton made the motion to approve the application. Mr. Phipps seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stacy made a motion to approve utility adjustments from September 17 to October 1, 2018 in the amount of -\$2638.09. Mr. Phipps seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS BUSINESS:**

Mr. Duvall told the Board of a problem in the Blackberry Woods addition. During excavation work a manhole lid and casting was pushed off of a structure, exposing the sewer to surface water. It was

observed during recent rain events, at the lift station serving the area, the pumps were running continuously to keep up with the storm water entering the system. Mr. Duvall sent a crew to construct a diversion around the structure to temporarily prevent the infiltration. The sewer system is owned by the neighborhood homeowners association, so Mr. Duvall will contact a representative to have the problem corrected.

Mr. Phipps said that out of 950 back-flow devices in the system, all but 12-15 had performed their inspections and certified to the Water Utility their compliance. The remaining 12-15 have not met the requirements set forth in ordinance, and have been unresponsive in complying. The stated remedy is to discontinue service until compliance is met, but that solution is not practical due to the nature of their businesses. Mr. Phipps suggested citing owners into City Court for the ordinance violation. He felt that having the owners incur a monetary penalty for non-compliance would be just as effective in remedying the infraction. Mr. Melton, and Mr. Copenhaver, and the rest of the Board agreed. Mr. Melton will prepare and mail the citations.

The Joyner property land acquisition, necessary for the construction of a new sewer, has been settled. The documents will be signed shortly.

Mr. Duvall asked about work inside the prison fence. His office had been contacted to locate the sewer, but told them they do not locate on private property.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Ed Hill

Next meeting: Monday, October 15, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.