

UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING

August 18, 2008

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Board President Swafford called the regular meeting of the Utilities Service Board to order at 5:05 p.m. The meeting was held in the Utilities Service Board room at the City of Bloomington Utilities Department Administrative Building in Bloomington, Indiana.

Board members present: Tom Swafford, John Whikehart, Julie Roberts, Pedro Roman, Jason Banach and ex-officio member Tim Mayer. Staff members present: John Langley, Michael Horstman, Michele Walden, Mike Bengtson, Jane Fleig, Phil Peden, Jon Callahan and Mike Hicks. Others present: Sue Mayer.

MINUTES

Board member Roberts moved and Board member Roman seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the August 4th meeting. Motion carried, 4 ayes, 2 members absent, (Ehman and Whikehart).

CLAIMS

Board member Roberts moved and Board member Roman seconded the motion to approve the claims as follows:

Claims 0891133 through 0891208 including \$242,521.22 from the Water Operations & Maintenance fund and \$116,240 from the Water Construction fund for a total of \$358,761.22 from the Water Utility; Claims 0830706 through 0830761 including \$246,997.34 from the Wastewater Operations & Maintenance fund for a total of \$246,997.34 from the Wastewater Utility; and claims 0870077 through 0870079 for a total of \$13,782.60 from the Wastewater/Storm water Utility. Total claims approved – \$619,541.16.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was presented

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no subcommittee meetings.

STAFF REPORTS:

Utilities engineer Peden said that a lot of progress has been made on the North Dunn St. bridge during the last couple of weeks. The INDOT engineer overseeing the project recently informed Utilities there will be 100% reimbursement for the project. Today there was a pre-bid meeting to answer any questions the contractors might have. The INDOT engineer said there are still some

reviews for them to complete before the official O.K. to proceed. Along with that they required some soil borings to be done to determine the kind of footing that will be needed for the new bridge.

Some of the questions asked by the contractors have led to an addendum that will be released in a couple of weeks which will postpone the acceptance of the bids until September 8th.

The manufacturing of the bridge will be completed by the end of August. The project must be completed by November 30th.

Utilities Engineer Fleig gave an update on the waterline relocation for the widening of S.R. 45/46. Beam, Longest and Neff, the project consultant, attended an INDOT meeting for CBU last Friday. INDOT has made some design changes to the project. They are also discussing splitting the project into two phases. The first phase would be from Walnut St. to about 350 feet south of the golf course drive. The work proposed for the first phase would be clearing and rough grading of the road and shoulders during the summer of 2009 and the utility relocation work would be done during the winter and the spring of 2010. The actual road work would be completed during the summer of 2010. As another part of the first phase they would clear and rough grade the southern portion of this project which goes down past Third St. Beam, Longest and Neff must wait for new rough grade cross sections to be developed by INDOT before they can finish off the water line relocation plans. They expect to receive those revisions in about 3 weeks then they will be able to give a time line for when they will finalize the plans.

Board President Swafford asked if Utilities' water line relocation would also be occurring in two phases. Ms. Fleig said it would.

Board member Roberts asked if any of the big water main from Monroe Reservoir would have to be re-located. Ms. Fleig said all of the relocation is big water mains, either 20" or 24", primarily 24". It feeds the Redbud tank at 17th St.

Capital Projects manager Hicks gave an update of the filter rehabilitation at Monroe Water Treatment Plant. The project was substantially complete on July 10th. It was a few days beyond the contract's substantial completion date. Since that time the final completion date has come and gone because Maddox has decided to pursue 4 claim items with Utilities for payment. During the project each of those 4 items had been denied. They were denied again, and then last week Maddox issued a demand for arbitration. At this time it is in the hands of Utilities' Attorney Renfrow who has 30 days to respond to it.

Board President Swafford asked if they had at least completed their work and the filters are back in service. Mr. Hicks said things are in very good shape in that regard.

Assistant Director of Engineering Bengtson said that Utilities Director Murphy had asked him to give a report on water use. He said water use is very weather dependant and it's been a pretty nice, cool summer with intermittent rain so there hasn't been anything outstanding. He said that for the last week some water flushing was done and tanks were taken out of commission and then reinstated. That pushed the demand up a little so there were a couple of days with an average of around 18 mgd and the maximum amount pumped just below 24 mgd. The averages have been between 13 and 15 mgd which has been the standard for the past month.

Mr. Bengtson also said that the Herald Times reported on a day during which there were 4 water main breaks which had some people alarmed. He said that to Utilities that isn't a big deal. It is really business as usual. Mr. Bengtson said that Superintendent of Operations Staley had told him that when he first started working for T&D as a lineman they had experienced 37 main breaks in 30 days!

The water mains are of different ages. Two of the current breaks occurred in pipes that were from the 1920's and another was from 1971 which broke in two locations.

Board President Swafford suggested the reason this was front page news was because it was a slow news day.

Mr. Swafford then asked if the pipe being used currently is of better quality than the 20 to 30 year old pipes. Mr. Bengtson replied the pipe being used now is called ductile iron pipe which is much tougher than the cast iron pipe that was used prior to the 1960's. The more recent pipes are lined with cement which minimizes corrosion of the pipe.

Board member Roberts asked if the old cast iron pipe gets sent anywhere to be reused. Mr. Bengtson said that it gets sold and the money is deposited in Utilities' account.

Board President Swafford asked Deputy Director Langley about the HT report on water quality issues. Mr. Langley explained that flushing and turning the tanks over has helped quite a bit. However there is still a ways to go. In this system storage tanks will be a problem for water quality until there is more turn over.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no petitions or communications.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

L. Thomas Swafford, President