

UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING

July 10, 2017

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Board President Frank called the regular meeting of the Utilities Service Board to order at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Utilities Service Board room at the City of Bloomington Utilities Administrative Building in Bloomington, Indiana.

Board members present: Sam Frank, Jim Sherman, Amanda Burnham, Jim Sims, Julie Roberts, and Tim Mayer (ex-officio).

Staff members present: Chris Wheeler, Rance Fawbush, Kim Alexander, Evelyn Brophy, Phil Peden, Tom Axsom, Jon Callahan, Troy Powell, Cindy Shaw, Nolan Hendon, John Langley, Holly McLaughlin, Efrat Feferman, and Vic Kelson.

MINUTES

Board Vice President Sherman moved and Board Member Roberts seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the June 26th meeting. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 2 members absent (Ehman, Banach).

CLAIMS

Sherman moved and Roberts seconded the motion to approve the standard claims as follows:

Vendor invoices submitted included \$341,689.83 from the Water Utility; \$205,365.25 from the Wastewater Utility; and \$15,327.30 from the Stormwater Utility. Total Claims approved, \$562,382.38.

Motion carried, 5 ayes, 2 members absent (Ehman, Banach).

Board asked about a payment of \$45,000.00 to Electrical Maintenance & Testing INC. CBU Director Kelson responded that it was finishing the Blucher Poole project.

Sherman moved and Roberts seconded the motion to approve the utility claims as follows:

Utility invoices submitted included \$123,996.73 from the Water Utility; \$73,187.97 from the Wastewater Utility; and \$0.00 from the Stormwater Utility. Total Claims approved, \$197,184.70.

Motion carried, 5 ayes, 2 members absent (Ehman, Banach).

Sherman moved and Roberts seconded the motion to approve the wire transfers and fees for the month of June in the amount of \$757,445.28.

Motion carried, 5 ayes, 2 members absent (Ehman, Banach).

Sherman moved and Roberts seconded the motion to approve the customer refunds as follows:

Customer refunds submitted included \$0.00 from the Water Utility; \$264.86 from the Wastewater Utility; and \$0.00 from the Stormwater Utility. Total Claims approved, \$264.86.

Motion carried, 5 ayes, 2 members absent (Ehman, Banach).

WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

CBU Engineer Jane Fleig presented materials and information on CBU's plans to replace water mains. In the recent rate case, \$1.8 million per year was allocated for water main replacement. CBU researched other communities and created a scoring matrix for local projects. Factors included GIS historical information of failure rates, date installed, type, size, cost of failure, critical use, and location of main. The score determined the top priorities:

1. Church Lane between S Rogers & Old SR 37 (starting construction this month)
2. S Nancy St, S Clifton (starting construction this month)
3. Eastern Heights subdivision
4. East Pepperidge Dr & S Sage Ct
5. N Old SR 37 N Dunn to/include Bethel Lane (outsourcing for study)
6. N Adams between 6th & 10th (Trying new technology since pipe goes under railroad. Pipe bursting method which bursts old pipe while laying new pipe is not appropriate due to service connections. Pipe lining, which CBU has used successfully in sewer pipes, may be a good option here).
7. W Arlington from Prow to N Monroe
8. N Jordan St from Jordan River to E 10th (working with IU during road widening project)

Board asked why there are so many pipes scheduled to be replaced in Park Ridge. Fleig answered that many pipes constructed 1950-69 are in worse condition than older pipes due to an unknown factor, such as a change in material or change in wall thickness.

Board asked about the timeframes of each project and which would be done in-house vs. contracted out. Fleig responded that each project has a unique timeline and the Board would be part of the discussion as each one begins. CBU is more likely to do neighborhood projects because there is less traffic and if CBU needs to respond to an emergency they would have to leave the site where as contractors are dedicated to that project daily from start to finish.

Fleig thanked Troy Powell and Greg Nettleton for their work on figuring out which areas are priority.

Kelson noted appreciation for approval of rate increase which funds these projects. Board encouraged CBU to relay to public what the rate increase is funding.

Board noted appreciation for research-based decision making.

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS: N/A

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS: N/A

STAFF REPORTS: Current and former staff came into boardroom unexpectedly and applauded ex-officio member Mayer, who had announced his retirement the previous week. Mayer expressed appreciation for the important work and efficient style of USB and CBU. Mayer noted that in his many years on the USB, there were very few customer complaints. Board member Burnham thanked Mayer's wife Sue who has also sat through many meetings. President Frank voiced appreciation for both Mr. and Mrs. Mayer's generosity of time and advice, and noted that Mayer is an excellent listener and will be greatly missed as a public servant to the Bloomington community.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: Board member Sims thanked Kelson for meeting each Board member one-on-one to discuss each member's particular concerns and ideas for CBU. Sims said that one of his main concerns is infrastructure and he is glad to see the rate dollars at work for the main replacements.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Samuel K. Frank, President