

February 23, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Department of Water Works was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, in the Main Office of the Department of Water Works, 532 Franklin Street.

A quorum was present with the following Board members in attendance: Messrs. Barrick, Friedley, Gawronski, and Jordan. Also present were Superintendent Russell and Accountant Ron Plamowski. Mr. Jones was absent. Mr. Jordan presided.

Minutes of the February 9, 2010, regular meeting were approved as written.

The Board approved and signed Register of Claims Report 10-04.

Mr. Plamowski gave a general overview of the December 2009 Financial Statements.

The list of three purchase orders was presented and approved by the Board.

Upon a motion by Mr. Gawronski, seconded by Mr. Friedley and passed by the Board, the Bad Debt List dated February 4, 2010, in the amount of \$3,349.07 is to be written off for bookkeeping purposes only.

Under old business, Mr. Gawronski wanted to revisit the topic on employee training funding and how it should be handled. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Gawronski, seconded by Mr. Barrick and passed by the Board, that authorizes the Superintendent to send employees to conferences, seminars, or specialized training, providing fees do not exceed funds set annually. The total fund will be set at \$5,000.00. The Superintendent will advise the Board when someone has been sent to a program and report the amount of fees remaining in the fund. This funding amount will not include larger conferences, which will be considered or approved by the Board as required.

Superintendent Russell also informed the Board that there is a pre-hearing conference with the I.U.R.C. scheduled for March 8th, concerning the complaint against Beverly Shores. Attorney Dennis Otten will be attending the hearing.

Under new business, Superintendent Russell informed the Board that he attended the newly created Northwest Indiana Economic Development District, in Portage. The purpose of attending was to get Public Works projects included in a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The CEDS is required to qualify for Economic Development Administration funds. He submitted three projects for consideration, those were water main extensions to serve the area south of I-94 along US

421, and east of I-94 along US 35/US 20. The third project would be the Eastwood Elevated Tank.

There was no public comment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion by Mr. Gawronski, seconded by Mr. Friedley, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.