

February 11, 2020

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 11, 2020, 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. Behrendt, Bush, Gring, Tsaparikos, and Mrs. Pishkur. Also present were Superintendent Russell and Assistant Superintendent Chris Johnsen. Mr. Behrendt presided.

Minutes of the January 21, 2020, regular meeting were approved as written.

The Board approved and signed Register of Claims Report 20-03.

Mr. Wolfe gave a general overview of the December 2019 Financial Statements. Upon a motion by Mr. Bush, seconded by Mr. Gring, the December 2019 Financial Statements were accepted as presented.

The list of 6 purchase orders was presented and approved by the Board.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bush seconded by Mr. Tsaparikos, the Bad Debt List dated February 3, 2020, in the amount of \$1049.12, is to be written off for bookkeeping purposes only.

Superintendent Russell presented a memo regarding a proposal from John Doyle and Associates to complete the Engineering Inspection for the Water Main Relocation Project at US 20 at the Streibel Arm Ditch Crossing. The fee for this service is not to exceed \$19,000.00. Superintendents recommendation is to accept the proposal from John Doyle and Associates in order to move the project to completion. Upon a motion from Mr. Tsaparikos, seconded by Mrs. Pishkur, The Board agrees with Superintendents recommendation.

Superintendent Russell presented a memo regarding a water main extension cost estimate, requested by Mr. Dale Brown, to service a parcel of land in LaPorte County on the North Side of US Hwy 20 east of Woodland Ave. Superintendent Russell recommends extending the 12-inch main east approximately 540 feet and install it in a 10 foot dedicated easement. Superintendent Russell recommends quoting Mr. Brown for material only in the amount of \$62,995.00 with no recoupment and the department to absorb the labor cost of \$25,935.00. Upon a motion by Mr. Bush, seconded by Mrs. Pishkur, The Board agreed to follow Superintendents recommendation.

Superintendent Russell presented information relating to the AWWA National Conference to be held in Orland, FL, June 14th through June 17th, 2020. The Board authorized for the Superintendent and any Board member wanting to attend, to do so and will be reimbursed according to Department travel policy.

Superintendent Russell presented the Pension Plan Actuarial Valuation Report for the year ending 2019, dated January 1, 2020 along with the GASB Report dated January 1, 2020. No action required, this is just for informational purposes only.

Under old business

- Quotes for the Corrosion Control Project are due Tuesday, February 18th at 2:00 p.m. Any Board member is welcome to attend.

Under new business.

- A handout regarding the new health insurance cost for employees was distributed for informational purposes.
- Superintendent Russell presented a memo regarding a list of items of interest and information the Board should be aware of. The list included: The NICTD Double Tracking Project, The Airport Runway Expansion, Painting of the Hitchcock Street Tank, Extension of water service south of I94 along CR 950 W and CR 300 N, and the negotiation of a new contract for the collective Bargaining Agreement with the United Steel Workers.

There was no public comment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion by Mrs. Pishkur, seconded by Mr. Gring, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.