

February 25, 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 25, 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 Accountant Chris Wolfe. Mr. Behrendt presided.

Minutes of the February 11, 2020, regular meeting were approved as written.

The Board approved and signed Register of Claims Report 20-04.

Mr. Wolfe gave a general overview of the January 2020 Financial Statements. Upon a motion by Mrs. Pishkur, seconded by Mr. Gring, the January 2020 Financial Statements were accepted as presented.

The list of 4 purchase orders was presented and approved by the Board.

Superintendent Russell presented a memo regarding closing out the Carroll Avenue Tank Painting Project. Dixon Engineering received an invoice for the final payment from Fedewa Inc. in the amount of \$21,699.00 for the completed work on the Carroll Avenue Water Tank. Since the claims from surrounding residents and business have been settled, Superintendent Russell recommends closing the project and submitting the final payment of \$21,699.00, which includes retainage. Upon a motion by Mr. Gring, seconded by Mr. Tsaparikos, the Board approved Superintendents recommendation.

Superintendent Russell presented a memo regarding the Corrosion Control Project. On Tuesday, February 18, 2020 the Department received one quote for \$317,500 from Gariup Construction of Gary, IN which was \$182,500.00 above the engineers' estimate. The Engineers recommend rejecting the quote and the Department agrees. Superintendent Russell recommends purchasing the required equipment pumps and tank, and then contact local contractors, that may be able to do this type of work. Upon a motion by Mr. Gring, seconded by Mr. Bush, the Board agrees with the Engineers recommendation to reject the one quote and also follow Superintendent Russell's recommendation.

There was no old business.

Under new business, President Behrendt congratulated Superintendent Russell on his prestigious award he received at the 2020 Indiana AWWA Conference. He mentioned that receiving the George Warren Fuller Award, which is state's highest annual drinking water award that only one person in the State can receive per year, exemplifies Russell's dedication and years of service to and in the water industry, the Department, the City, and most of all the citizens that we serve, noting his service has not gone without notice.

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 7:15 p.m.