

March 23, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Department of Water Works was called to order at 7:09 p.m., on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, in the Main Office of the Department of Water Works, 532 Franklin Street. A Board member was inadvertently delayed and the balance of Board members decided to wait until that member arrived.

A quorum was present with the following Board members in attendance: Mr. Behrendt, Mrs. Pishkur, Ms. Gonzales, Mr. Bush and Mr. Sperling. Also present were Superintendent Chris Johnsen and Accountant Chris Wolfe. Mr. Behrendt presided.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Pishkur, seconded by Mr. Sperling, the minutes of the March 8, 2022 regular Board meeting were approved as written.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sperling, seconded by Mrs. Pishkur, the Approval of Claims dated March 22, 2022 was approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bush, seconded by Mrs. Pishkur, the list of 9 purchase orders was presented and approved by the Board.

Mr. Wolfe gave a general overview of the February 2022 Financial Statements. Upon a motion by Mrs. Pishkur, seconded by Mr. Bush, the February 2022 Financial Statements were approved as presented.

Superintendent Johnsen presented a memo to the Board regarding Indiana House Bill 1002-2022, repealing the 1.4 % Utility Receipts Tax. The Department must file new rates reflecting the decrease with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission by May 1, 2022. It is Superintendent Johnsen's recommendation to employ the services of Baker Tilly US, LLC to assist us with the rate adjustment filing. Upon a motion by Mr. Sperling, seconded by Ms. Gonzales, the Board approved Superintendent Johnsen's recommendation and the agreements will be presented to the Board at the next meeting on April 5, 2022 for informational purposes.

Superintendent Johnsen presented a memo to the Board regarding a request received by the Michigan City Park Department for the Washington Park Pavilion. The Park Department is requesting an adjustment to the consumption on their water bill for water used during November of 2020 to February of 2022, which had not been previously billed. During this timeframe, there was 6,891 units of water that passed through the meter due to a leak that no one was aware of. Upon a motion by Mr. Sperling, seconded by Mr. Bush, the board has agreed to have Superintendent Johnsen have a discussion with Park Department Superintendent Ed Shinn to come up with a resolution and report back to the Board.

Under old business:

- a. Superintendent Johnsen reminded the Board the next Board meeting will be April 5, 2022 due to the Indiana Section AWWA Annual Conference.
- b. Superintendent Johnsen provided the Board with a letter that was sent out regarding a water main extension agreement for industrial/commercial development near Johnson Road on US 20.
- c. Superintendent Johnsen updated the Board on the Double Track Project.
- d. Superintendent Johnsen updated the Board on the Whitefoot Trail Project.

There was no new business.

There was no public comment.

There were no Directors comments.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion by Mr. Sperling, seconded by Mrs. Pishkur, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.