

RUSHVILLE CITY UTILITIES
601 W 3RD St.
Rushville, IN 46173

Minutes of the Utility Board Meeting, February 20, 2013
The Utility Board met at Rushville Council Chambers @ 5:00 P.M.

Brian Bess called the meeting to order.

Roll Call was taken.

Board Members Present:

Brian Bess
Michael Singleton
Phillip Starkey
Tim Sheehan
Greg Coffin

Others present:

Les Day	Facility Manager
Gina Jenkins	Office Manager
Geoff Wesling	Utilities' Attorney
Michael Pavey	Mayor

Tim Sheehan motioned to approve the board minutes from the January 16th meeting. Greg Coffin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Les Day reviewed the financial report for the month of January. The Water Operating report showed no N.P.D.E.S. violations for the month. There were 29.59 million gallons of water pumped, with 27.94 million gallons of water treated. Water plant personnel responded to 18 service calls for billings and customer requests. There were 5 customer requests to check for leaks. There were 10 line locates. There were 6 requests to check for frozen meters. There were 33 connects and 40 disconnects for the month, with the total customers being 2,765. Les told the Board members that there had been more water main breaks that were repaired which was the reason that the unaccounted loss of water is still at a high percentage.

The Operating Report for Wastewater showed no N.P.D.E.S. violations for the month. There were 58.30 million gallons of wastewater treated, for the month. It was reported that there was a total of 4.74 inches of precipitation, for the month.

There were 3 sewer complaints checked. There were 2,000 feet of sewer mains cleaned from sewer complaints. 12,500 gallons of septic sludge was accepted for the month of January. There were no dye tests ran.

Les Day asked Brian Bess if Jeff Wilson from Plymate Apparel & Mats had been in contact with him. Brian said that he had left a message for Jeff to call him to discuss the situation with the contract, but Jeff had not returned his call. Les had brought some of the uniforms to the meeting that were returned to City Utilities and marked unusable. Les also showed the board members photos of some of the other garments that were never repaired by Plymate. Geoff Wesling asked Les to e-mail him a copy of the contract. Geoff also stated that City Utilities should not pay the remaining money that Plymate is claiming is owed to them because of breach of contract, and that if Jeff Wilson contacts anyone concerning the situation, they should have Mr. Wilson contact Geoff to handle the situation.

Nick Riedman, representative for BridgeWire, was present at the meeting. Mr. Riedman was there to discuss using the North water tower to install their equipment on. BridgeWire is a wireless internet company that supplies service to rural areas. He also discussed the costs of their company installing wireless radios on City Utilities' liftstations. After the presentation, Michael Singleton had commented that City Utilities was already in the process of installing wireless radios and that the project was already approximately 70% complete. Les Day suggested that the board members allow BridgeWire to install their equipment on the North water tower and charge a monthly rental fee. Mr. Riedman was asked if his company had equipment on other city water towers. He responded that they do have equipment installed on Greenfield's water tower. Mr. Riedman will send contact information to Les so he can follow up with Greenfield's Utility Company to check on liability issues before moving forward with allowing BridgeWire to put their equipment on the water tower.

Next, Jim Shanahan from Shanahan & Shanahan, a legal firm, introduced himself. Mr. Shanahan was at the meeting to discuss his firm being used for the Bond to fund the CSO Wastewater Treatment Plant. Jim will handle the legal issues of financing the Bond for the project.

The 2012 USDA reports had been reviewed by the Board members before the meeting. Michael Singleton motioned to approve the USDA reports and have them submitted to the USDA office. Phil Starkey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Brian Bess had checked the claims. Michael Singleton motioned to approve the claims. Greg Coffin had seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mayor Pavey addressed the board concerning the plan to install the fiber optics system for the City. The new phone system would combine most of the City offices including City Utilities. The departments that would be excluded from the system would be the Police and Fire departments. Mayor Pavey said that there will be a cost savings by consolidating the departments to have one system.

Then, Mayor Pavey asked for two volunteers from the Utilities Board to join the Storm Sewer Committee that he is putting together. Currently, the Mayor said that there are two members from the Board of Works, two members from the City Council and himself on the committee, and that the committee will be complete with two Utilities Board members. Greg Coffin and Michael Singleton volunteered to join the committee.

Geoff Wesling discussed the mold damage check that was disbursed to Steve Schofner from City Utilities. Geoff had been in contact with Mary Carpenter at EMC Insurance, which also disbursed a check to Mr. Schofner to include the mold damage. Originally, EMC stated that City Utilities would

be responsible for the mold damage portion of Mr. Schofner's claim. Geoff told the Board members and Mayor that he felt that EMC Insurance should pursue recouping their money from Mr. Shofner. Everyone agreed.

Les Day then told the Board that there is property on State Road 3 North owned by William Smith that has three wells on it. The property was originally going to be used for an Ethanol Plant but that the plant was never built. Les had contacted Mr. Smith to discuss purchasing the property from him. Les said that Mr. Smith would be interested in selling the property to City Utilities. Les has also contacted Eric with Peerless Midwest Inc. to have his company come in and test the wells before moving forward.

Greg Coffin motioned to adjourn. Phil Starkey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 20, 2013 at 5:00 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.