

BOARD OF WORKS  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2012  
1:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser opened the meeting for business. Carolyn Pearson and Bob Conner were present for the meeting.

The minutes from the meeting held on August 20, 2012 were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Randy Strasser. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Jane Miller, Carroll County Arts Council, requested the closure of Washington St. (from Main to Franklin) on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September from 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. for the art fair. The request included the alley area (1/2 block) between Everything Computer and The Rock Shop and this will be used for graffiti craft for children. The west side of the court house on Market Street needs to be saved with barriers for the artists to unload their display items and these will be set up on the court house lawn. Bob Conner made the motion to approve the three requests from Jane Miller. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Dick VanSickle presented an update on the progress on HHH. Dick held a meeting this AM with Thieneman and Greg from VS Engineering. The sump pumps are not hooked up and the pump conduits need to be moved from floor to proper installation. Another meeting at 2:00 PM will concern the asphalt drive issues. The gate can't be installed until the drive design is established. The plan must change due to the ditch. The first sample of water line was taken and the second one will be at the end of this week. The water line tie in is scheduled for end of this week or start of next week. A manhole broke when workers were lifting an 8" line by BMV. A vacuum test on lines will be done today and a sanitary tie in around the first of October. Dick is waiting on a quote for sanitary video work.

Mayor Strasser noted we have not heard any new information on the floodgate project. Mayor Strasser expects paperwork to continue on this week.

Mayor Strasser explained that he had not talked to our attorney in regards to the issue with Charlotte Crowder and he will inform the BOW when he received information.

Animal control has been brought to Mayor Strasser's attention again. Three women met with Mayor Strasser and explained the situation they are encountering. They spend their own time and money to trap and spayed or neutered the stray cats. Mayor Strasser stressed the need to move forward on this issue and Council needs to have a plan to finance this effort.

Mayor Strasser informed the BOW several wells are going dry due to the water table. Mark Bash from DNR had contacted Mayor Strasser. Our agreement with US Ag is to split the cost of the wells. Mark


told Mayor Strasser that we don't have to dig wells or extend the depth of present wells; we can extend our water lines to the homes. Mayor Strasser has discussed this issue with Lou Davis and he would like for us to get prices for extending lines. Carolyn Pearson expressed her feeling that it does not seem fair we are sharing the cost when everyone knows the problem exists due to the expansion of the stone quarry. Mayor Strasser explained the state statute require the two major users to share the cost. The stone quarry and the city are the two main water users. Mayor Strasser has asked Dick VanSickle to get prices and report back to him.


Claims were presented in the amount of \$114,631.36. Carolyn questioned the need for the police department to purchase stationary with a new designed logo but does not feel the claim needs to be denied. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Second by Bob Conner. Motion carried.


Dick VanSickle, Utilities Superintendent, reported the need for a new truck in the water department. Their truck is in the shop with transmission problems and possibly will cost more than the truck is worth. Dick will bring more information to the next meeting.

Mayor Strasser requested the board remain after the closing of the meeting for an emergency executive meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:40 P.M.

  
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Mayor Randy Strasser

  
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Carolyn Pearson

  
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Bob Conner

  
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Leanne Aldrich, Clerk Treasurer