

BOARD OF WORKS

MAY 6, 2013

1:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser called the meeting to order. Carolyn Pearson and Dick Traeger were present for the meeting.

Minutes from the April 15, 2013 were presented for approval. Dick Traeger made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried. (3-0)

Claims were presented for payment in the amount of \$330,697.14. Carolyn Pearson questioned the electrical inspection of the homes affected by flood water. Mayor Strasser explained this was a requirement of Duke Energy. Leanne noted she had talked with Duke in regard to them reimbursing the \$300.00 and was informed Duke was told this was a city policy and they would not reimburse. Mayor Strasser stated he would have a letter from Duke stating their policy. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (3-0)

OLD BUSINESS:

Delphi School Corp appeared before the BOW to address the water issues concerning two of their meters. An adjustment to the sewer portion of the bill was given to the school on two separate occasions. Mr. Walker, superintendent, explained they had a leak on December 4, 2012 and that reflected on their January bill. The problem is the bill the following month was higher and there were no leaks according to the school's maintenance department. Craig Myers noted he had followed up with checking on the meters and never found them spinning and there was no affect on the storage tanks like when they had a leak. Carolyn Pearson stated she realizes this is a high bill for the school but we've made adjustments on the two bills for \$6,000+. We are not talking about tax dollars; we are talking about user fees. Mr. Walker would just like an explanation to take back to his board members. Dick VanSickle explained that both meters read high but there is no way for us to know what is going on internally. Two new pulse meters have been installed with a cost of \$1,700 that can be monitored up to every 5 minutes. Carolyn moved the previous decision regarding the charges and adjustments on the two meters for the January and February billing stand. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (2-0). Mayor Strasser abstained. Ayes by Carolyn Pearson and Dick Traeger.

Mayor Strasser explained the timelines on the water and wastewater projects is not ready to present to the BOW at this time. Hopefully John Julian will have them ready in two weeks.


HHH 2c: Mike Turchi of BF&S presented a standard agreement for the contract with F&K Construction. The contract was awarded for \$835,755 and F&K has provided a certificate of insurance as well as a bond. Mr. Turchi needs approval and for BOW to allow Mayor Strasser to sign the contract. This project will be reimbursable. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the contract and allow Mayor Strasser to sign. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (3-0) The authorization of the Notice to Proceed starts the clock ticking also gives them 7 days notice of contract start time. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to send the notice to proceed to F&K with condition of certificate of insurance on file in the clerk's office. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (3-0)

NEW BUSINESS:


Mike Turchi, representing Carroll County Redevelopment presented some issues for the BOW to address. The CC Redevelopment is installing water and sewer lines to the TIF area and this has been planned in coordination with county and city. During the sewer excavation a pocket of ground water was hit and this will require dewatering of the trench. The area affected lies along the west line of homes and subsequently it has been determined the wells are at or near level of dewatering. CC Redevelopment would like to offer permanent utility service to the homeowners. CC Redevelopment plans to send certified letters to the homeowners and offer the utilities and the offer of waiving tap fees would be good for 30 days. In the future, if homeowners decided to hook up to city utilities, tap fees would be charged. Mike Turchi wants the city to reimburse CC Redevelopment for those tap fees. Dick VanSickle responded we cannot force these homeowners but it is the right thing to do. If they do not accept right now, it will be set up in case it is needed later. Mayor Strasser feels there must be a number established for reimbursement but Mike Turchi said the \$750 is a set fee. Homeowners will be responsible for the abandonment construction cost of their septic and a sewer line from tap to home. Mike informed the BOW a waiver of tap fees and an execution of a non-remonstrance agreement against future annexation by the City of Delphi. Mike told the BOW he needs a vote on the waiver but the reimbursement issue could wait till later. Mayor Strasser made the motion to agree to remove water and sewer tap fees if agreed by homeowners within 30 days of receipt of letter from CC Redevelopment. In addition, homeowners will not be required to execute a non-remonstrance agreement against future annexation by the City. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (3-0) It was determined to follow up on the reimbursement of tap fees in the future to CC Redevelopment to be addressed at a later date.

The recent flood has brought additional expenses and repairs to the city. There was flood water damage to a few private homes as well as the park. It has been determined that another pump needs to be purchased. Carolyn Pearson felt we need to move on the walking path and that will reinforce the levee. Dick VanSickle explained the water came over the levee past Herron's property and there was an issue with sewage. The pumps were set up Saturday AM but water did not stop coming across Hamilton Street till late Sunday. A strong effort was put forth by city employees to help the residents.


Meeting was adjourned at 2:35 P.M.



Mayor Randy Strasser



Carolyn Pearson



Dick Traeger



Leanne Aldrich