

OGDEN DUNES WATERWORKS – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Online Zoom Meeting

February 8th, 2021 @ 6:00 PM

Directors Attending:

(GC) Greg Casimer

(JS) Jim Slawinski

(LB) Luke Brennan

Waterworks Liaisons Attending:

(SK) Scott Kingan

Waterworks Staff Attending

(CL) Chuck Litzkow

The meeting was called to order by GC @ 6:10 PM

The approval of the minutes from the December 14th, 2020 meeting is on hold due to the fact that the person who took the minutes is currently off on sick leave.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. GC & LB thanked Brad Wood for his past service on the Water board and welcomed JS as the new member on the Water Board. GC mentioned that he has already had numerous discussions with JS since becoming a member.
2. LB was nominated as Vice President of the Water Board and JS was nominated as Secretary of the Water Board
3. CL along with LB discussed a resident's water pipe freeze issue that took place over the past weekend. CL reported that 220 of the Zenner Wireless Meters have been installed with about 120 currently activated with fully wireless capability. CL also provided a quote for an additional 400 Wireless Meters and their related required parts. CL also provided a quote for fire hydrant parts due to the fact that 22 of the 90 fire hydrants in town need upgrading.
4. GC mentioned that with two Water Works Staff Members currently out on sick leave it has been somewhat challenging to keep Water Department Business operating at a normal pace. GC also reported that there were currently 100 past due water bill accounts which is a higher number than normal for this date in time. SK mentioned that he would stop down at Town Hall and talk to Julia to see if anything could be done to help expedite the late payments.

5. GC mentioned that as of February 2021 the Ogden Dunes Water Works is officially done with membership in the IURC.
6. GC mentioned that we ended 2020 with approximately \$16,000 remaining in reserve, which is the lowest year ending amount he could recall during his time on the Water Board. JS questioned why this year was financially so bad compared to prior years
7. JS mentioned that he had earlier talked to GC and would be updating the Ogden Dunes Ordinance, Chapter 52: Water and present it to the other members for their review. JS mentioned that he would need some additional information involving current Monthly Usage Rates before he could complete the update.
8. JS discussed a possible procedure change when meters are replaced to help assure that the meter replacement doesn't contribute to new water leakage.
9. There was a lengthy discussion between JS and CL involving what appeared to JS to be excessive estimated quarterly water meter readings.
10. There was a discussion with the entire group involving the possibility of Water Meter Reading Signoff Sheets and how many employees it took to read meters.
11. JS asked if we could once again provide the residents with the Indiana American Water Annual Quality Report providing it is available to us at no charge. LB mentioned that it may not be able to send it out once a year with the water bill due to the "bulk" type mailing currently being used.
12. LB described his assistance over the past weekend with a resident with frozen pipes due to a garage door left open in the very cold weather
13. GC reviewed some capital planning items for 2021 through 2026 including the possible replacement of the Water Department Truck.

Public Comments: None

Correspondence: None

GC made a motion to adjourn the meeting, there was a second and the meeting was concluded @ 7:40 PM