

Minutes

Board Meeting of November 3, 2009

THE BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS met in the auditorium, first floor of City Hall in Muncie, Indiana.

Board members present were: Tom Bennington, Steven D. Murphy, and Teresa L. Ford.

Department managers and staff present were: Barbara Smith, District Administrator; Steve Ballman, Sewer Maintenance; Shareen Wagley, MS-4 Coordinator; John Anderson, Engineering; Tammy Branson, Sanitation.

Also present were: Ron Groves, AdGrafix; Tommy Loser, Indiana Films; Harold Dungan, HNTB Corporation; Max Abrell, Delaware County Regional Wastewater; Jason York, York Construction; Bill Watson, Watson Excavating; Stuart Huckelberry, Atlas Excavating Roy P. Hall, Accurate Bore; Bart Keesling, RCM Excavating.

Citizens present: Conrad Urban, 811 South Silverwood Road, Muncie, IN 47302.

Mr. Bennington called the meeting to order. Mr. Bennington asked everyone to turn off cell phones and pagers. Mr. Bennington noted for the record, the attendance of Sanitary Board members, Steven Murphy, Teresa Ford, and himself, along with the District's attorney, Peter Drumm, and District Administrator, Barb Smith.

Mr. Bennington announced the first item of business as consideration of the minutes. Ms. Ford moved to approve the minutes for October 20, 2009, as submitted. Mr. Murphy seconded. Mr. Bennington asked if there was any discussion. There was none. The motion was approved (3-0).

Mr. Bennington announced consideration of the Register of Claims. Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Register of Claims in the amount of \$288,571.50. Ms. Ford seconded. Mr. Bennington asked if there was any discussion. There was none. The motion was approved (3-0).

Under old business, Mr. Bennington said the bids would be opened for the Tanglewood Project. John Anderson, Engineering Director opened and read the bids as follows: York Construction bid \$261,527.88; Watson Excavating bid \$289,282.30; RCM Excavating bid \$322,973.45; Accurate Bore bid \$418,406.00; Midwest Trenchless Services bid \$381,270.00; Veolia Water Indianapolis bid \$324,776.00; CSU Incorporated bid \$240,098.00; Atlas Excavating bid \$339,200.00. Mr. Anderson asked the Board to take the bids under advisement until the next meeting. Mr. Murphy moved to take the bids under advisement. Ms. Ford seconded. Mr. Bennington asked if there was any discussion. There was none. The motion was approved (3-0).

Under new business, Mr. Bennington announced consideration of the 2010 Stormwater Budget. Shareen Wagley, MS-4 Coordinator/Stormwater Manager said this budget was the joint budget agreed upon between Yorktown, the County, and the Sanitary District. Ms. Wagley said Yorktown and the County would pass the Stormwater budget next month. Mr. Bennington asked if there was any feel for the kind of response from the public for paying this as part of the property tax bill. Ms. Wagley said there was not. Ms. Wagley said the District and the County's revenue had both come in a little less than expected. Ms. Wagley said she has spoken with H. J. Umbaugh concerning looking at why the District's Stormwater revenue had come in less than what had been projected for the last two years. Ms. Wagley said the District's projected Stormwater revenue for 2010 was \$646,000.00 and she was optimistic that the District would get that amount. Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Stormwater Budget for 2010. Ms. Ford seconded. Mr. Bennington asked if there was any discussion. There was none. Mr. Bennington said he would take a roll call for the vote. Ms. Ford voted yes. Ms. Murphy voted yes. Mr. Bennington voted yes. The motion was approved (3-0).

Mr. Bennington announced consideration of Resolution Number 2009-18, an Amendment to the Retiree's Insurance Policy for the Muncie Sanitary District. Mr. Drumm said this Amendment would peg the District's health insurance to the Medicare requirement that everyone is eligible at age 65 who is otherwise eligible for Social Security. Mr. Drumm said the Resolution itself allows anyone between the ages of 60 and 65 with at least 15 years of continuous service with the District and who desires to retire to continue to obtain insurance until age 65 from the District while paying a contributive cost towards that insurance. Once the retiree reaches age 65 and is able to go on Medicare, they would also be eligible to receive the supplemental insurance, which the District also offers to its retirees by paying their contributive share of the supplemental insurance. Mr. Drumm said this Resolution revises the District's policy which allowed the insurance previously to be tied to the retirement age rather than to the ability to apply for and receive Medicare. Mr. Drumm said any person who is currently retired or who would become retired before December 31st of this year would be under the old language of the personnel policy and not the new language and their retirement benefits would remain the same. Mr. Bennington said the District's intent was not to take anything away from someone but to change the policy for the future. Ms. Ford moved to approve Resolution Number 2009-18 for the Sanitary District Retiree Insurance. Mr. Murphy seconded. Mr. Bennington asked if there was any discussion. Mr. Bennington asked if there was any discussion from the public. There was none. The motion was approved (3-0).

Mr. Bennington announced the time for public comments. Conrad Urban, 811 South Silverwood Road, Muncie, asked the status of the alley truck search. Mr. Bennington said there was no change from the last time Mr. Urban inquired. Mr. Urban asked if the search was active. Mr. Bennington said everything was the same as the last time and the District was constantly looking. Mr. Urban asked if any investigation had been made

towards fabrication. Mr. Bennington said fabrication would not be considered, since the alley truck is a fairly technical piece of equipment. Mr. Urban asked if fabrication would be considered for lengthening the bed of a smaller truck. Mr. Bennington said the District would not conduct any fabrication.

Mr. Urban said the District had a federal project going on in regards to the inspection of the sewers. Mr. Urban said he watched how the pipe was put down on the greenway and suggested the pipe be put on the inside rather than the outside of the trail in consideration for the people who use the trail. Concerning part of the project, which blocked the entrance to a church parking lot, Mr. Urban suggested District employees responded ungraciously concerning the reason for their work. Mr. Urban said the Board might want to consider how that is handled in the future. Mr. Bennington said although he would not assume that some inappropriate response was given because he was not present at the occurrence, the District would not want to convey the message that they are the bully on the block.

Mr. Bennington asked if there were any other comments from the public. There were none. Mr. Bennington adjourned the meeting at 5:49 pm. Mr. Bennington announced the next Board meeting as Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Young, Utility Billing

Approved by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners
Muncie Sanitary District

Tom Bennington, President

Steven D. Murphy, Vice President

Teresa L. Ford, Secretary