

LaPorte County Regional Sewer District Meeting
June 6th, 2019
County Complex Meeting Room
LaPorte, Indiana 46350

TIME AND PLACE

The June 2019 LaPorte County Regional Sewer & Water Board District meeting was Thursday, June 6th, 2019 @ the LaPorte County Annex Building, Community Room # 2. Located @ 809 State St. LaPorte IN, 46350

ATTENDEES

Tony Mancuso, Gene Jonas, Mitch Bishop, Clay Howard, Dalia Zygas, & Doug Davie were all in attendance. Jerry Jackson was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Jonas made the motion to approve the minutes from the May 2nd, 2019 meeting, with one correction to the spelling Ms. Zygas' 1st name of Dahlia, to Dalia. Mr. Bishop seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

REPORTS

- a) Financial Report
 - a. Horizon Bank Checking Account had a balance of \$16,767.74 as of May1st, 2019
 - a. Deposits: \$5,285.00
 - b. Interest paid: \$0.80
 - c. Disbursements: \$ 986.28
 - d. Reimbursements: \$4,298.72
 - b. Ending balance as of May 31st, 2019 is \$21,067.26
- b) Toll Road Service Area Account
 - a. Beginning balance as of May 1st, 2019 is \$77,405.36
 - a. Deposits: \$26,960.00
 - b. Disbursements: \$430.00
 - c. Interest paid: \$3.36
 - b. Ending balance as of May 31st, 2019 is \$103,938.72

Mr. Howard made the motion to accept the finance reports as presented. Mr. Jonas seconded, and all were in favor.

c) Utility Billing

Jennifer with JPR, provided a memo with information regarding May & June invoices that went out to customers, as well as applied penalties to those accounts with balances after the due date.

d) Claims

Steve Carter, the boards' accountant, asks for approval of claims presented to be paid. Mr. Bishop made the motion to approve the claims. Mr. Howard seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Walter Creutzburg, 5801 N. 450 W. comments regarding notices of public meetings being printed in the paper within 48 hours of the meeting date. He states that the notice wasn't printed in the Michigan City Paper until the day of the meeting. Mr. Mancuso states that the board doesn't have to publish notice in the paper, it is posted via webpage. Mr. McDonnell states the board tries to provide info to the papers as a courtesy, but we can't control when it gets put in. Mr. Creutzburg, states that if the board is paying for the notice to be printed, that the paper isn't doing their job. No further comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Fire Dept. - Tank filling – Ken Jones, JPR
- Confirms that the Fire Dept. can use the Water Treatment Plant to fill tankers.
 - Recommends Fire Dept. use the hydrants located at NE corner of the water treatment facility.
 - Drop in the water pressure, while tankers are being filled, but pressure would remain within operating limits.
 - Alternatively, he suggests that the Fire Dept. consider a partnership with the ITR/Travel Plazas.
 - They have built 2 brand new fire wells, 1 on the North side, and 1 on the South side, with high performance pumps capable of filling 500 gallons a minute.
 - ITR is open to the idea.
 - Fill time would be dramatically reduced, & another benefit would be having access on both the North & South sides.
 - Mr. Jones suggests that some sort of memorandum of understanding between the Fire Dept. & ITRCC would take the LPCRSWD board out of the middle.
 - Certain criteria would be included, such as training, and how that would happen as well as who would have access to equipment.
 - Spoke with the Fire Chief and this is his preferred method for filling the tankers as well.
 - Fire Dept. already has protocol for ITR gate access on both sites
 - No action from the board is needed.
 - He is willing to coordinate the interplay between the 2 parties
 - Will provide a memo to the board for their records regarding the memorandum.

OLD BUSINESS

- a) Rolling Prairie Phase II - Mr. McDonnell, Ken Jones
- Litigation appeal is still ongoing.
 - McDonnell & Jones will be on a conference call later today to see where things stand.
 - Delay in notice of schedule for the project to property owners until the case is resolved.
 - Extension of contractor bid until Aug. 10th, 2019
 - Recommend waiting to award contract until we know which way this litigation will go.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the LaPorte Regional Sewer & Water District will be held on Thursday, July 11th, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in conference room #2 located in the County Annex building LaPorte, Indiana.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bishop made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Howard seconded, and all were in favor.