

**LaPorte County Regional Sewer District Meeting
May 2nd, 2019
County Complex Meeting Room
LaPorte, Indiana 46350**

TIME AND PLACE

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

ATTENDEES

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Jonas made the motion to accept the minutes from the March 7th, 2019 meeting & the notes from the April 4th, 2019 meeting. Mr. Howard seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

REPORTS

- a) Financial Report
 - a. Horizon Bank Checking had a balance of \$3,946.92 as of March 7th, 2019.
 - a. Deposits: \$6,100.00
 - b. Interest paid: \$0.85
 - c. Disbursements: \$5,051.41
 - d. Reimbursements: \$11,771.23
 - b. Ending balance as of April 30th, 2019 is \$16,767.74
- b) Toll Road Service Area Account
 - a. Beginning balance: \$0.00
 - a. Deposits: \$134,800.00
 - b. Disbursements: \$57,399.18
 - c. Interest paid: \$4.54
 - b. Ending balance as of April 30th, 2019 is \$77,405.36

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Informational packets to the Phase II property owners

Ken Jones, JPR, asks for the boards' approval to proceed with sending out the informational packets to the Rolling Prairie Phase II property owners. Mr. McDonnell, the Boards Attorney, suggest that the packets be sent by certified mail to insure delivery. Mr. Jackson made the motion to approve the request, Mr. Jonas seconded the motion. All were in favor.

b) Resolution of the Hudson Pointe Homeowners Association

Mr. Mancuso states that it is up to Hudson Lake to move forward to pursue a project there. Mr. Mancuso also states that the LPCRSWD does not have the funds for a project at Hudson Lake. Mr. McDonnell states that there is no action to be taken in this matter, other than to note the correspondence from the Hudson Point HOA. The association, of about 30 members, would like to express that they show support if there would be a possibility of a project there in the future.

c) Approval of the new collection policy and procedures

Jennifer, with JPR, states that there will be plenty of notification sent out to property owners by both certified and regular mail for the collection of fees regarding the Rolling Prairie Phase II project.

OLD BUSINESS

a) 421 Project

Mr. McDonnell comments he hasn't heard much about the 421 project. He informed the board that Mr. Biege sent a form of initial easement agreement to him, on behalf of the LPCSWD board, as well as Mr. Meyer with the Michigan City Sanitation Dept. Mr. McDonnell will review the agreement, but he didn't see anything initially that would cause concern for the board.

b) Appeal @ IDEM- Phase II

Mr. McDonnell states that the appeal for the issuing permit of the Phase II Rolling Prairie project is still ongoing @ IDEM. Mr. McDonnell has been in contact with the petitioner's attorney, & has been involved with settlement discussions. He has also had discussions with the Indiana Finance Authority about settlement options, and how any settlement may affect the boards' loan/grant status. He is asking the for the boards' approval to authorize seeking co-council for somebody who specializes in the field. Mr. Jonas makes the motion to approve hiring of co-council regarding this appeal, Mr. Jackson seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

c) Approval of invoices

a. Building keys

Chris, with Astbury, asks for the boards' approval of invoices for the cost of re-keying the buildings at the Sewer & Water treatment plant. All American Lock & BJ's Locksmith both came out to look at the job. BJ's Locksmith was the only company to submit quotes. Quote #1: \$2,361.00 for cost of re-keying the 2 main buildings with keypads, and all other doors re-keyed to one key to all doors. Quote #2: \$580.00 for re-keying the 2 main buildings for one key for all doors. Mr. Jonas made the motion to approve the lesser quote for re-keying all doors to one key. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

b. Communications alarm system @ the Sewer & Water treatment plant

Chris from Astbury, discusses the alarm/communications systems link invoices. One for \$798.00 for the yearly cell plan & access for remote transmission of alarms. and one for \$450.00 for an upgrade to the system. No motions were made regarding those invoices at this time. The board will wait to get more info from Mr. Jones, regarding the upgrade and if it would be under warrantee.

d) Fire Dept. access to Water Treatment plant

Mr. Howard asks about being able to install some type of flow limiter so the Fire Dept. would be able to have access to fill tankers if needed from the Water Plant. Mr. Jones states that they looked at several options, but they all seemed to be rather costly. He also expressed concerns from a regulatory or operational standpoint, that he wasn't comfortable with inexperienced people having access to the facility. Chris, with Astbury states

that he isn't comfortable with the Fire Dept having access to fill tankers with the current set up at the facility. He is concerned that it would drain the reserves. Mr. Howard states he feels that it is very important that the facility be available to the Fire Dept. since that was a big selling point in getting the approval from the County Commissioners. Mr. Mancuso agrees. Mr. Jones will look further into trying to figure out a way to make that happen.

e) Ground Maintenance

Chris, with Astbury, states that Casey Tree Service submitted an invoice for \$3500.00 for tree and brush removal. They do not provide additional monthly ground maintenance. Another quote was presented (company unknown) that Astbury currently deals with for \$3080.00 for the tree and brush removal along with a \$200.00 fee per event monthly for ground maintenance. Mr. Jonas received a text message from an unknown company for \$150.00 weekly fee or \$200.00 every other week as needed. Mr. Howard made the motion to approve going with the recommended company from Astbury. Mr. Jonas seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the LaPorte Regional Sewer & Water District will be held on Thursday, June 6th, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in conference room #3 located in the County Annex building LaPorte, Indiana.

ADJOURNMENT

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