

LaPorte County Regional Sewer District Meeting

Sept. 19, 2019

County Complex, Meeting Room #3

LaPorte, IN 46350

TIME & PLACE

The Sept. 2019 LaPorte County Regional Sewer & Water District meeting was held on Sept. 19, 2019 @ the LaPorte County Annex Building, Community Room # 3. Located @ 809 State St. LaPorte, IN 46350.

ATTENDEES

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Jonas made the motion to accept the minutes from the Aug. 15th, 2019 meeting. Mr. Jackson seconded, and all were in favor.

REPORTS: FINANCE, STAFF

- a) Financial Report
 - a. Horizon Bank Checking Account had a balance of \$16,359.83 as of Aug. 1st, 2019
 - a. Deposits: \$2,492.81
 - b. Interest paid: \$0.69
 - c. Disbursements: \$4,025.84
 - b. Ending balance as of Aug. 31st, 2019 was \$14,827.49
- b) Toll Road Service Area Account
 - a. Beginning balance as of Aug. 1st, 2019 is \$118,316.14
 - a. Deposits: \$26,960.00
 - b. Disbursements: \$31,620.29
 - c. Interest paid: \$4.95
 - b. Ending balance as of Aug. 31st, 2019 is \$113,660.80
 - c. Claims presented

Stephen Carter, the board's accountant, presented claims in the amount of \$11,120.63. He stated that the expenditures were larger in Aug, due to repairs and upgrades to the treatment plant, as well as 4 months of insurance, and the contracted amount to Astbury for monthly operations. Mr. Jonas asks if the costs of the repairs to the toll road would be reimbursable through the warranty with the ITRCC. Mr. McDonnell, the board's attorney, states that he has already talked with Tom @ Astbury about getting the board an extensive list of money being spent, so the board can submit it to the ITRCC for reimbursement as part of the warranty.

Mr. Jonas made the motion to accept the finance reports as presented, as well as claims presented in the amount of \$11,120.63. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Bids for generators

The board received 3 bids from contractors for the maintenance on all the generators. The bids are listed below.

1. Herman & Goetz: \$2,775.00
2. MacAllister: \$3,240.00
3. Marquiss: \$5,240.00

Mr. Jackson made the motion to accept the bid from Herman & Goetz in the amount of \$2,775.00. Mr. Jonas seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

b) IDEM inspection summary

Chris with Astbury reports the reason there was a deficiency in the inspection summary was because they failed to file a report on the amount of water withdrawn from the wells. The DNR usually request this report, but did not. Astbury will need to send a report showing the total usage for each month in order to pass the inspection summary. Chris stated that he will follow up with IDEM, regarding the report. He will copy it to the board via email.

c) Failed septic system waiting to hook up

Mr. Jonas reports that the VFW has a failing septic system that is going to cost thousands to repair. They are hoping to tie into the sewer connection. Ken Jones, JPR, suggests that they install a grinder pump to match the inflow. He recommends that the VFW pay for the hookup and that the board would accept the equipment and would maintain the pump and connection. Mr. Jonas would like the district to fund the project for the VFW. Mr. McDonnell advises against doing that because it may open the door for others to want the board to pay for their hookup as well. He suggests that the VFW look into some type of loan to fund the project. Mr. Jones will contact H&G about a quote for the cost of the job. Mr. Jonas will let the VFW know the board is working on the design, and getting a quote for the job cost, so the VFW may inquire about a loan to fund the project if necessary.

OLD BUSINESS

a) IDEM appeal lawsuit

Mr. McDonnell states that there is still no news on the appeal. It could be mid Nov. before the judge makes a ruling. There has still been no word from the petitioner's attorney. He also states that at this point in the year, even if we received a favorable ruling in the lawsuit, that the contractor most likely wouldn't be able to start the project in 2019.

b) Analyzer and incubators

Mr. Jackson informed the board that Kingsbury Utility will be sending a check for the incubator they bought from the board. He also stated that the analyzer they were going to purchase is not working, so they will either return that to the board or he can dispose of it for them.

NEXT MEETING

- **NOTE**

No rooms were available on the suggested dates for the October 2019, meeting, therefore Board President, Tony Mancuso, made the decision to forego the Oct. meeting.

The next meeting of the LaPorte County Regional Sewer and Water District will be held on Nov. 7th, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m. in conference room #3. Located in the County Annex Building, @ 809 State St. LaPorte, IN 46350.

ADJOURNMENT

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