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Winfield Sewer Board
Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 6:00 PM

Call to order: A meeting of the Winfield Sewer Board was held at the Winfield Government Center, Winfield, Indiana on Tuesday, April 23, 2024. The meeting convened at 6:05 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members in attendance: Tim Clayton, President; Mark Wacnik, and Rodney Nagel

Additional in attendance: Nick Bellar, Town Administrator/Planning and Zoning Administrator; Michael Lambert, Clerk-Treasurer; David Austgen, Attorney for Austgen Kuiper Jasaitis P.C; Bill England Utility Services, Jeremy Lin, Lintech Engineering

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CITIZENS REQUESTING PLACEMENT ON AGENDA: None

MINUTES TO BE APPROVED:

Rodney Nagel made a motion to approve the Sewer Board meeting minutes on March 26, 2024. Mark Wacnik seconded the motion. The motion carried 3 – 0 with all in favor.

STAFF REPORTS

Bill England reported the plant is operating very well. The UV is running great with no failures. The Randolph lift station timing issue has been resolved. Pump run-times should be more uniform next month. Regarding the RAS Pump a chrome plated pin collar has been installed. Very little ferric has been used in the last 18 months. Once the RAS pump is put in place, they will pull the WAS pump to ensure it is not having the same issues.

Nick Bellar asked if there would have been corrosion inside the pump had the seal not failed. He would think not, but he is not a pump guy, but it's never happened on any of the other pumps. Nick Bellar asked if it can logically be determined that the seal failure caused the corrosion within the pump. Bill England believes that is how the water got inside the pump. Jeremy Lin said the seal failure is part of the motor, but the other internals were corroded outside the seal, so the issue was across the internals of the entire pump, not just the motor section.

UNFINISHED/DEFERRED BUSINESS:

Update on Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project. Jeremy Lin stated the project is underway and the contractor has broken ground. Mr. Lin stated he continues to meet with Hasse Construction every week on Tuesdays to discuss the schedule. They have been very busy with equipment submittal reviews and ordering equipment. They are going to be starting on the new blower building first with the excavation. There are a few electrical items in the way that they have been discussing. They're going to discuss how to excavate that in a safe manner. The plant was scheduled to be completed by the end of the year according to the original bid documents. Mr. Lin is asking for a time extension because the major equipment for the oxidation ditch and secondary clarifiers will not be delivered to the site until the end of the year. The contractor has asked for an extension until July. Jeremy Lin stated he scaled back the completion date to May



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1st in his recommendation letter. Otherwise, treatment plant construction looks to go smoothly, and he is looking forward to a good project.

Mr. Lin discussed the two pumps (RAS/WAS) stating one is in manufacturers hands which is determined to be corrosive, most likely due to chemicals they have been using. Mr. Lin said they will switch chemicals in the way they are feeding the pump, and he also recommends upgrading the pump. The cost of the RAS/WAS pump is \$10,356.82.

Mr. Lin also discussed Deer Creek lift station had a pump failure which was an existing old pump. They have been upgrading all the pumps through town to a new Flygt style pump. Jeremy Lin is recommending upgrading Deer Creek Lift Station to the same style pump that is used throughout town. The cost for two new pumps at Deer Creek Lift Station is \$23,097.40. Mark Wacnik asked if there are other components that may be a problem besides the pumps as far as corrosion. Jeremy Lin said everything is above ground; the only thing in the wet well is the pump. Mr. Lin continued saying looking at photos, the inspection report and discussing it with the manufacturer it's safe to assume the corrosion happened because of the use of ferric chloride when the plant started up. The ferric chloride caused an attack on the metal. Bill England stated he is not using the chemical nearly as much as he used to. There are times he needs to use a small amount but will be switching over to a different chemical that is less corrosive with the ongoing plant expansion.

Nick Bellar stated there are two requests. The first request is to upgrade the RAS/WAS pump to the chrome liner in the amount of \$10,356.82. Rodney Nagel made a motion to approve the purchase to repair and to convert high chrome configuration a RAS pump for a total amount of \$10,356.82 per quotation SO25641 Hidrostral. Mark Wacnik seconded the motion. The motion carried 3 – 0. All were in favor.

Jeremy Lin stated the second request is for the Deer Creek Lift station – Two Pumps. 1 pump is running now the other pump has failed. Jeremy Lin is recommending 2 new pumps and the associated cables in the amount of \$23,097.40. Mar5 Wacnik asked by changing the pump is it going to be the same size as any other pump. Mr. Wacnik asked if there will be a replacement on hand. Mr. Lin said each lift station is different in terms of sizing and flow rate. These pumps would be specifically for the Deer Creek Lift Station. Tim Clayton entertained a motion for two new flight pumps at the Deer Creek lift station in the amount \$23,097.40. Mark Wacnik so moved. Rodney Nagel seconded the motion. The motion carried 3 – 0. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of Approval and Recommendation to the Town Council for Payment, Pay Application #2 Hasse Construction, Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 2 Improvements, \$183,420.00 Jeremy Lin reviewed the pay application and can recommend payment. Mark Wacnik made a motion to approve and pay, Pay Application #2 Hasse Construction, Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 2 Improvements in the amount of \$183,420.00. Rodney Nagel seconded the motion. The motion carried 3 – 0. All were in favor.



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2. Consideration of Approval and Recommendation to the Town Council for Request for Time Extension, Hasse Construction, Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 2 Improvements. Jeremy Lin explained the large equipment for the oxidation ditch and secondary clarifiers will not be available until the end of the year. The contractor is requesting a time extension. Mr. Lin is recommending a substantial completion to May 1, 2025, with a final completion date June 1, 2025. Mark Wacnik asked if there are any alternatives regarding the equipment. Mr. Lin stated no and continued they had an aggressive timeline for the project in terms of bidding. Mr. Lin wants the expansion up and running as soon as they can. In talking with the contractor every week, this is the best path forward in terms of having not only having a cost-effective project, but a well-done project of construction quality and efficiency. Tim Clayton asked if there are any penalties with the new substantial completion date. Jeremy Lin stated he will not waive the penalties for going over the substantial completion date already in the contract, those will be liquidated damages. Rodney Nagel asked Mr. Lin if he recommends the extension to May 1, 2025, for substantial completion and final completion June 1, 2025. Rodney Nagel made a motion to approve and recommend to the Town Council a time extension for Hasse Construction Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 2 Improvements to May 1, 2025, for substantial completion and June 1, 2025, for final completion. Mark Wacnik seconded the motion. The motion carried 3 – 0. All were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Per Michael Lambert there is a total of \$75,094.08 in claims. Mark Wacnik made a motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$75,094.08. Rodney Nagel seconded the motion. The motion carried 3 - 0 with all in favor.

Michael Lambert stated there is a total of \$2,488.26 in adjustments from January 1, 2024. Michael Lambert explained there are adjustments to sewer accounts. Indiana American Water re-reads meters and makes automatic adjustments to some accounts. It has been recommended to the town that the Sewer Board be made aware but also approve the adjustments. Mark Wacnik made a motion to approve the adjustments in the amount of \$2,488.26. Rodney Nagel seconded the motion. The motion carried 3 – 0. All were in favor.

FUTURE MEETING:

Sewer Board – Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT:

Rodney Nagel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Wacnik seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Tim Clayton
Sewer Board President

Michael Lambert
Clerk-Treasurer

Date of Approval

Cheryl Biesen
Transcriber
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