

Utility Service Board Meeting  
January 26, 2012

Members Present: Sue Siefert, Clifford Nordmeyer, Tim Dietz

Member(s) Absent: Arnold Kirschner, Henry Pictor

Also Present: Comptroller Douglas Browne, Water Manager Steve Wintz, Gas Manager Scott Bauer, Clerk/Treasurer Ron Weigel, Mayor Rick Fledderman, Kevin Chaffee and Mary Mattingly

Chairperson Sue Siefert called an organizational meeting of the Utility Service Board to order at 12:00 noon at the Mayor's Conference Room. Ms. Siefert called for nominations for the election of Chairperson of the Utility Service Board. Mr. Dietz nominated Sue Siefert for Chairperson. Mr. Nordmeyer seconded the motion. The motion carried. Ms. Siefert called for nominations for the election of Assistant Chairperson of the Utility Service Board. Ms. Siefert nominated Clifford Nordmeyer for Assistant Chairperson. Mr. Dietz seconded the motion. The motion carried. Ms. Siefert called for nominations for the election of Secretary of the Utility Service Board. Mr. Nordmeyer nominated Douglas Browne. Mr. Dietz seconded the motion. The motion carried. Ms. Siefert then appointed all Board members to be on the Compensation Committee, with Mr. Dietz agreeing to chair the committee. Mr. Dietz moved to adjourn the Organizational Meeting. Mr. Nordmeyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairperson Sue Siefert called the meeting of the Utility Service Board to order immediately after the organizational meeting was adjourned at the Mayor's Conference Room.

Mr. Dietz moved to accept the minutes of the December 29th Utility Service Board meeting. Mr. Nordmeyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Wintz presented the Water Operations Report and Mr. Bauer presented the Gas Operations Report to the Board. Mr. Wintz informed the Board that there was a main break in the Oldenburg water system that was discovered the first week in January.

Mr. Browne then presented the Financial Reports. Mr. Browne recommended investing \$300,000 for 3 months, only if the interest rate is more than 0.50%. Otherwise, the cash is not to be invested. Mr. Browne also recommended reinvesting \$22,000 for the Gas Meter Deposit Fund and \$25,000 for the Water Meter Deposit Fund for 6 months each. Mr. Dietz moved to approve the Investment recommendations, Operations, Financial and Investment Reports. Mr. Nordmeyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Claims for January were next discussed. Mr. Nordmeyer moved to approve the Claims for this month. Mr. Dietz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Wintz and Mr. Bauer presented the Capital Improvements Report for December to the Board.

Mr. Wintz updated the Board on the progress of the Timber Removal Project, indicating that almost all trees have been removed except the area north of Bob's Creek. He indicated that he planned to have Tom Leising use his big mulching machine to mulch the tops that remain behind. Mr. Wintz also let the Board know that the Utility has started hauling gravel in to the clearing area to create a parking lot for the Girl Scouts.

The Board decided to have Douglas Browne be the designated employee to represent the Utility in the Ripley County Superior Court Small Claims Division for the specific case of Megan Gould vs. Batesville Water & Gas Utility pursuant to the procedure outlined in the Indiana state statutes. Steve Wintz, Scott Bauer and Douglas Browne are all to be considered as designated employees for any potential future lawsuits involving the Utility, depending on the department of the Utility that is involved.

Mr. Wintz requested permission for the Gas Utility to purchase a dirt worker for the Bobcat for \$2,055. The Board agreed by acclamation to allow the purchase, since it's in the budget.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Utility Service Board will be Thursday February 23, 2012 at 12:00 noon at the Mayor's Conference Room, in the Memorial Building.

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Chairperson  
Sue Siefert

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Secretary  
Douglas Browne