

**Valparaiso City Utilities
Board of Directors
April 1, 2008**

The Board of Directors of the Valparaiso City Utilities met at the Valparaiso Department of Water Works Board Room, 205 Billings Street, Valparaiso, Indiana on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at 5:00 P.M.

Members present were President Brad Dolezal, Ken Luther, David Bengs, Jack Barkley and Kathy Luther. Also present were staff members: Utilities Director John Hardwick, Attorney Mike Langer, Controller Dick Freeman, Administrative Assistant Cathy Fejer, Water Reclamation Manager Steve Poulos, Water Operations Manager George Brown, Distribution Manager Chuck McIntire, Stormwater Engineer Matt Kras, Alina Thompson, Marv McDaniels and Times Reporter Phil Wieland. Guests: John VanArsdale from M.E. Simpson, Olin and Barb Carter, Carol Kuznicki, Shirley Patrick, George Warnock and Robert Campbell.

The minutes of the March 11, 2008 were reviewed and approved.

The Board reviewed and approved the claims submitted.

Automatic Meter Reading, MXU and Battery Replacement Advertisement for Bids Approval – Tabled until next meeting.

Vehicle Purchase – WD Maintenance – George Brown presented a new vehicle proposal to the board for approval. The board approved the use of the \$25,000 in the capital budget that WHPP is not using as planned this year and trade in the Ford 4 x 4 Diesel pick-up for the purchase of a new Dodge ½ flexfuel 4 x 4 pick-up truck in the amount of \$21,352.

Resolution 2008 – 2 – A Resolution Establishing and Adopting Water Reclamation Lien Procedures – The Board approved Resolution 2008-2 Establishing and Adopting Water Reclamation Lien Procedures.

Resolution 2008 – 3 – A Resolution Adopting New Customer Deposit Policy – The Board tabled this Resolution indefinitely. It will be looked at again in one year. Board Member Jack Barkley reminded John Hardwick to make a new Resolution on deposits not to waive the fee if they signed up for auto payment.

Utilities Director Hardwick Report:

Green Acres Update – Steve Poulos gave an update on Green Acres and reported that Green Acres Watershed has been a concern to Valparaiso City Utilities due to the sewer system backups that have occurred since April of 2007. The sanitary sewer system is overwhelmed during heavy wet weather events including melt off. The Valparaiso Water Reclamation Department has taken steps to investigate and assess the potential sources of inflow and infiltration which included sewer televising, sewer cleaning, manhole replacement at Green Acres & Bloomingdale, and flow metering of the Bloomingdale watershed. It was discussed by the VWRD at the January 2008 VCU Board Meeting that continued flow monitoring should be an option within various locations of the watershed to isolate the potential sources of this inflow. The proposal of continued flow monitoring is expensive (\$15 to \$20,000 for a period of 3 months) and time restrictive. Flow monitoring does not guarantee that the VWRD will find the actual

sources of inflow. Additionally, if the VWRD decided to purchase the flow meters (\$18 to 22,000), and conduct in-house monitoring of the system, the VWRD would have to allocate resources in addition to the capital cost.

Smoke testing is a process that has been utilized by many municipalities to reveal places where storm and surface waters are entering the City's sanitary sewers from the public right of way and from private development. This is a cost effective way of identifying inflow from storm drain cross connections, point source leaks, roof connections, foundation drains, faulty manholes, and main sewer line defects.

The proposed smoke testing will analyze approximately 50,000 feet of sanitary sewer that will cover the watershed as far North towards Spectacle Drive; East to Bloomingdale; South to Bullseye Lake Road; and West to Campbell.

John Avonsdale from M.E. Simpson explained the smoke testing procedure and reported that before testing is done, the following precautions will take place:

- Notification to consumers if they have any health condition to let us know
- Reverse 911
- Door hangers
- Press Release
- Daily communication with Police and Fire Departments

The VWRD requests approval from the VCU Board to proceed with smoke testing within this watershed with a recommendation for M.E. Simpson to provide these services:

2008 CIP Budget for Inflow Testing: \$30,000.00

M.E. Simpson Quotation: \$12,000-16,000 (dependant on final footage)

Jack Barkley made a recommendation to look at the City Ordinance and Board Member Kathy Luther made a motion to move forward with Board Member Barkley's recommendation, the proposal by Steve Poulos and M.E. Simpson's quote. The board agreed to move forward.

ISO Rating - John was proud to announce that Chuck McIntire advised him that the ISO rating lowered from a 6 to a 3. The higher the rating the more you pay for fire insurance. The ISO rating is based on the local Fire Departments capability to fight a fire. John explained that a few employees of the distribution department partnered with the fire department to make this happen. We have improved our system to help fight fires, replace fire hydrants, build a new water tower, reconstruct old, inadequate water mains and much more. I thank them for their efforts and make sure you check and see if your home owners insurance goes down next time you renew.

Olin and Barb Carter was present to give a statement on their home at 304 Powderhorn Drive regarding a flooding issue that has happened twice in the last year, once on January 8, 2008 and in April of 2007. Mr. Carter filed claims with the city and the first claim was paid, however the second claim was denied. The Carter's were disputing the denied claim, but Ms. Buell from Selective Insurance was not available for comment on the claim. She will be available at the next Board Meeting on April 22, 2008.

Guest Carol Kuznicki reported that at the Council Meeting Monday, March 31st, it was mentioned that the VCU was partnering with the Redevelopment Commission on the East Linclonway Project which is a TIF District and said that Stu Sommers said we would be saving money. ***John I was confused with your reply....can you finish this. Thanks.***

Meeting adjourned.

The next Board Meeting is April 22, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

Brad Dolezal, President

Kathy Luther, Secretary