

**Valparaiso City Utilities  
Board of Directors  
November 11, 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, November 11, 2008 at 5:00 P.M.

Board Members present were: President Brad Dolezal, David Bengs, Lori Ferngren and Kathy Luther. Also present were staff members: Utilities Director John Hardwick, Controller Dick Freeman, Administrative Assistant Cathy Fejer, Distribution Manager Chuck McIntire, Customer Service Manager Shaun Shifflett, Water Reclamation Manager Steve Poulos, Lab Director Shihua Chen, Stormwater Engineer Matt Kras, Angie Whisnant with the Parks Department and Time Reporter Phil Wieland.

Also in attendance were Golf Course Superintendents Dave Threlkeld, Valpo Country Club and Richard Frey Forest Park (Parks Department).

John Hardwick welcomed the new Laboratory Director Shihua Chen.

The minutes of the October 28, 2008 were reviewed and approved.

The Board reviewed and approved the claims submitted.

**Sanitary Sewer Application for Wavier of Fees – Angie Whisnant** – Angie Whisnant was present representing the Parks Department requesting the Utilities Department to consider waiving its sanitary sewer fees for construction at Will Park to construct a new shelter. Utilities Director Hardwick explained prior to the adoption of the present Sewer Connection Fee Ordinance, the standard procedure was to waive sewer fees to city departments the new sewer connection fee ordinance is silent about this option, but given the Board of Directors the ability to waive fees as needed. Utilities Director Hardwick recommended the sewer connection fee is waived for the Parks Department. The Board approved the request. (A copy of the memo is attached)

**Bad Debt Write-offs 2008 – Water, Water Reclamation and Storm Water** – The Board of Directors approved the Bad Debt Write-offs for 2007 to be written off in 2008. A copy is attached. The total write-offs are as follows:

- Water \$ 9,293.24
- Water Reclamation \$19,373.49
- Strom Water \$ 1,946.91

**Ground Water Guardian Green Site Recognition for Valpo Country Club and the Valpo Parks Department** – Daryl Brown reported that The Valparaiso Country Club and the Valpo Parks Department was given the Ground Water Guardian Green Site Recognition Appreciation Award.

As part of VCU Wellhead Protection & Groundwater Guardian Programs Daryl Brown asked the Valparaiso County Club and The Valparaiso Parks Department if they would

like to participate in a new program called Groundwater Guardian Green Site. The Groundwater Guardian Green Site program was developed by The Groundwater Foundation to recognize good stewards of groundwater by encouraging managers of highly-managed green spaces to implement, measure, and document their groundwater-friendly practices.

To be designated as a Groundwater Guardian Green Site, an 18 page application was filled out that calculates and documents current practices related to pesticide and fertilizer use, water use, managing sources of pollution, protecting water quality and environmental stewardship. The applicant must earn at least 70% of the total points to receive Green Site designation.

Both the Valparaiso Country Club Golf Course and the Valparaiso Parks Department Forest Park Golf Course have been designated by The Groundwater Foundation as 2008 Groundwater Guardian Green Sites. In appreciation for their efforts to protect our drinking water resources; VCU presented to Golf Course Superintendents Dave Threlkeld of the Valparaiso Country Club and Richard Frey of the Valparaiso Parks Dept. with Groundwater Guardian Green Site signs.

**MTA Lease Contract Approval (Evans Tank Antennas)** – This item is tabled until next meeting in order to resolve issues with NetNitco.

**Utilities Director Hardwick Report:**

John Hardwick announced that Lori Ferngren and David Bengs got a tour of the WD and WRD plants. They both commented that it was a great tour and they can understand more at the meetings being familiar with the plants now.

**Storm Water 101 Part 2:**

Matt Kras was present with a map showing the problem flooding areas. Kras reported he had a box of surveys that have been returned and will be reviewed by Kras and others. A report will be given to the Board when review is finalized.

**New Business:**

Board Member Kathy Luther and Director of NIRPC past out a brochure about a forum being held December 6, 2008 at the Radisson in Merrillville, IN. NIRPC is sponsoring this forum called "Creating Tomorrow Today a Forum on the Future of Northwest Indiana". It is opened to the public and encouraged everyone to attend if possible.

The Next Board Meeting is November 25, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

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Brad Dolezal, President

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Lori Ferngren, Secretary