

**Valparaiso City Utilities
Board of Directors
February 24, 2009**

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, February 24, 2009 at 5:00 P.M.

Board Members present were: President Brad Dolezal, David Bengs, Lori Ferngren and Jack Barkley. Also present were staff members: Utilities Director John Hardwick, Attorney Michael Langer, Controller Dick Freeman, Administrative Assistant Cathy Fejer, Distribution Manager Chuck McIntire, Customer Service Manager Shaun Shifflett, Assistant Utilities Director Steve Poulos, Water Operations Manager George Brown, WD Lab Director Shihua Chen, Stormwater Engineer Matt Kras, Staff Accountant Alina Hahn, and Time Reporter Phil Wieland.

The minutes of the February 10, 2009 were reviewed and approved.

The Board reviewed and approved the claims submitted.

New Construction Contracts for North Hamstead Coffee Shop Board Approval – Distribution Manager Chuck McIntire presented three contracts (3) for the construction at the site of North Hamstead Coffee Shop to move the water main that they built the coffee shop over. The Board approved the contracts. (Copies Attached)

WRD – Plant Water Pumps Purchase – Assistant Utilities Director Steve Poulos presented a request with two quotes that the Board take action to proceed with the purchase of two new vertical turbine plant water pumps for the distribution of final effluent process water within the EKPCF wastewater treatment plant. The Board approved the American Marsh Vertical Turbine Pump in the amount of \$19,850. (Copy Attached)

Ransom Road Emergency Storm Sewer Work – Matt Kras explained a sink hole had developed last fall on the north side of Ransom Road, at the address of 1562 West Goodrich Road. The Sewer Department patched the area and videoed the storm sewer. It was found to be rusted out and taking in water. The plan is to install a 48" diameter manhole structure on the north side of Ransom Road, tie in the existing culvert pipes and replace approximately 80' of 24" of clay pipe with RCP under Ransom Road to the south. During the last thaw (~Feb 2009) crews noticed that the sink hole was back. With the poor condition of the pipe, it was thought best to get a couple quotes and do the repair as soon as possible. We received quotes from RV Sutton for \$31,350 and H&G Underground Services for \$26,313. The Utility Board approved the \$26,313 for H&G Underground Services to do the work. They are to begin as soon as weather permits.

Union Street Project 1 Option – This project includes furnishing and installing approximately 975 lineal feet of 21 inch storm sewer main on Union Street between Valparaiso Street and Greenwich Street. The estimated cost of construction is \$500,000. Construction is expected to begin this Spring. Contract is for 90 days, but must be completed within 60 days of breaking ground. The board approved this project.

Utilities Director Hardwick Report:

Silhavy Road Sanitary Sewer Study – This project will proceed in April 2009 and will be funded through the Redevelopment Commission.

Economic Stimulus Program – Project Submittals – The following list of projects will be submitted to the Governor's Task Force and SRF Program for Stimulus Funding:

Water Department Projects:

Park Avenue Water Main Project

from Yellowstone Trail to Campbell Street

- Length - 2700 feet
- Replacing four inch main to eight inch main
- Estimated cost - \$500,000;
- Shovel ready – engineering complete, no R/W needed;
- Need is for fire protection and to improve flow;
- Replacing aged infrastructure (1945+/-);
- Two schools served by this main.

Meadow Lane Drive Water Main Project

from Campbell Street to Summit Drive

- Length 900 feet
- Replacing 4 inch main to eight inch
- Estimated coast - \$125,000
- Shovel ready – engineering complete, no right of way needed
- Need is for fire protection and to improve flow
- Replacing 1960's vintage pipe – several main breaks experienced with this main

Water Reclamation Projects:

Evans Avenue Sewer Relief Project

From Evans Avenue to Washington Street

- Length - 2700 feet
- A project that separates stormwater from City combined sewer system (28,000,000 gals. removed from sanitary system – based on average annual rainfall)
- 48 inch in diameter sewer
- Estimated cost: \$700,000
- Engineering required.

CSO Disinfection Facility,

Located at Water Reclamation Facility Combined Sewer Outfall

- This facility will be capable of adding disinfectant to Combined Sewer Overflows to remove harmful contamination to Salt Creek
- Estimated cost: \$750,000
- Engineering 90% complete
- No right of way needed.

Stormwater Projects:

Union Street Watershed Drainage Improvements Project 1 Option

from Valparaiso Street to Greenwich Street

- Length 975 feet
- 21 inch diameter storm sewer
- Shovel ready, engineering complete, no right of way needed
- Estimated cost: \$500,000, sewer separation project (11,000,000 gals removed from sanitary system – based on average annual rainfall).

Campbell Street Storm Sewer Separation Project

from Hass Street to Park Avenue

- Length – 850 feet
- 30 inch in diameter
- Shovel Ready - Engineering completed
- No Right of Way needed;
- Estimated Cost - \$300,000
- Sewer Separation (no estimate of stormwater reduction)

Meet adjourned.

The Next Board Meeting is March 10, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Brad Dolezal, President

Lori Ferngren, Secretary