

North Vernon
Utility Service Board Meeting
March 6, 2023
6:00 P.M.
Agenda

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- **Pledge**
- **Roll Call**
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
- **Public Comment**
 - Andy Eder- North Vernon Trustee
- **Storm Water**
- **Wastewater Department Reports & Info.**
 - Collection System Update
 - Wastewater Treatment Plant Updates
- **Water Department Reports & Info.**
 - Distribution Updates
 - Water Treatment Plant Updates
- **Utility Administration Report**
 - Claims/Expenses/Transfers
 - Office report
 - Sue Haase
- **Kayla Zimmerman**
- **City Council**
- **Shawn Gerkin**
- **Unfinished Business**
- **New Business**

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The North Vernon Utilities Service Board met on MARCH 6th, 2023, at the North Vernon City Hall.
Members present: Warren Alexander, Barb Patterson, Matt Hurley, and Terry Thompson.

Also attending the meeting: Russell Vaught Wastewater Superintendent, William Spencer Water Superintendent, Kayla Zimmerman Attorney, Sue Haase

The agenda given to each Utility Service Board Member is as follows:

- I. **Pledge:** The Pledge is led by Terry Thompson
- II. **Roll Call:** All board members are present except for Patrick Kirchner.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** The board votes 4-0 in favor of approving the previous meeting's minutes.
- IV. **Public Comment:** Customer Luther New of 123 Hoosier St was accompanied by North Vernon Trustee Andy Eder to discuss a water leak at Mr. New's home. Mr. Eder states that him and a few other gentlemen have repaired Mr. New's water leak and that they would like an adjustment on the utility bill. Warren Alexander makes the motion to approve Mr. New's adjustment. Barb Patterson seconds the motion. The board votes 4-0 in favor of the motion.
- V. **Storm Water Report:** Russell Vaught presents a second adjustment to the board for 411 S. Elm St. and states that it meets all criteria for an adjustment. Matt Hurley makes the motion to approve the adjustment. Warren Alexander seconds the motion. The board votes 4-0 in favor of the motion. Russell Vaught proceeds to inform board that the Storm King took in upwards of 7 million gallons of water due to the heavy rain event.
- VI. **Wastewater Department Reports & Info:**
 - **Collection System:** Russell Vaught reports that they had a couple of back-ups that they had to deal with. Additionally, he reports that the Twin Oaks lift station pump is beyond repair and that he has ordered a new pump for it. A purchase of a jet machine for the wastewater department has fallen through. They used the Vactor to un-

plug online last week. Russell also reports that tomorrow (3/7/23) his department will be smoke testing the First Christian Church on E. Walnut St. to check for leaks since they have been complaining of odors.

- **Wastewater Plant:** Russell reports that things are running well. A company is coming Wednesday (3/8/23) to clean out one of his tanks. Russell reports that he is considering changing to bisulfate in his treatment process. Additionally, he reports that they are pressing as much sludge as possible before they must take the belt press offline for rehabilitation/repair.

VII. Water Department Reports & Info:

- **Distribution System:** Will Spencer reports that his guys replaced two hydrants on Davis St that were from 1958. They had to shut down the main on Davis St. and Byram Lane to replace the hydrants, and they had to issue a boil water advisory to those in the affected area.
- **Treatment Plant:** Will Spencer reports that he has updated the Surface Water Emergency Response Plan. It has not been updated in five years and was due with the state. Will also reports that they are doing routine UCMR sampling that is required by state. Additionally, Will reports that he met with a representative from H.P. Thompson and a representative from Penn Valley Pumps to discuss an issue with the currently installed sludge pump. Both representatives recommend that the pump be replaced. Warren Alexander makes the motion to replace sludge pump with quoted pump from H.P. Thompson. Terry Thompson seconds the motion. The board votes 4-0 in favor of the motion. Will also reports that he would like to proceed with changing the Gum St. tower from a radio read signal to a cellular read modem so that they can have better connection and reduce the amount of communication failures they have. Warren Alexander makes the motion to proceed with the change. Terry Thompson second the motion. The board votes 4-0 in favor of the motion.

VIII. Utility Administration Report:

- **Claims and Transfers:** Barb makes the motion to approve claims. Matt seconds the motion. The board votes 4-0 in favor of the motion. Special motion from Lockmueller Group. Barb makes the motion to pass the invoice on to SRF. Matt seconds. The board votes 4-0 in favor of the motion.
- **Office Report:** Nothing to report from the office. Russell notes that the girls are doing a good job of handling all issues while Cara is on vacation. Will Spencer agrees.

IX. Sue Haase: Sue states she is reviewing the stormwater ordinance and is exploring ways to look at reports without the need of Keystone.

- X. **Kayla Zimmerman:** Kayla states that she has nothing to report.
- XI. **City Council:** Warren Alexander went to the last City Council meeting. He reports that they swore in a new officer.
- XII. **Unfinished Business:** Russell discusses a stormwater issue that a customer has. He advised the customer to take pictures during the next rain event so that they can accurately assess it.
- XIII. **Shawn Gerkin:** Not in attendance.
- XIV. **New Business:** Russell reports that he had a conference call with Tim Hunt and Mike Gangstad to discuss the CCMG project on N. Elm St. Russell reports the cost to survey the area is \$27,000. Warren Alexander makes the motion to approve the cost of the survey and to proceed. Matt Hurley seconds the motion. The board votes 4-0 in favor of the motion. Russell also discusses an issue of stormwater flooding at the end of Brookwater Drive.
- XV. **Adjournment:** Barb Patterson makes a motion to adjourn. Matt Hurley seconds. The board votes 4-0 in favor of the motion.

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Terry Thompson
USB President

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Cara Byerley
Office Manager

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