

**NORTH VERNON
UTILITY SERVICE BOARD MEETING
May 20, 2019
6:00 p.m.**

***Board Members Terms: Susan Taylor 12/31/2020 (R) (M), Warren Alexander (R) (M) 12/31/2020
Patrick Kirchner 12/31/2020 (D) (C),
Terry Thompson (R) (M) 12/31/2020, Harold Campbell (D) (C) 12/31/2018***

The North Vernon Utilities Service Board met on May 20, 2019 at the Carnegie/Government Center. Members present: Terry Thompson, Patrick Kirchner, Warren Alexander, Susan Taylor and Harold Campbell.

Also attending the meeting: Russell Vaught Wastewater Superintendent, Will Spencer Water Superintendent, Chris Doran Attorney, Cara Giles Office Manager, Tonia Klepper Administrative Assistant, and Nikki Hatfield Office Clerk.

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

Approval of minutes previous meeting: Patrick Kirchner made motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, Susan Taylor second, 5-0.

I. Public Comment: No public comment.

II. Storm Water Report: Russell Vaught reports to the board that he is still waiting on storm water survey letters. These will be submitted June 15th.

III. Wastewater Department Reports & Info

- **Collection System:** Russell Vaught reports to the board about a sewer break off of Meloy St., this has been repaired.
- **Treatment Plant:** Russell Vaught reports to the board that they are mowing the area at the treatment plant to make room for panels. He also reports an injury of one of the waste water employees. The employee is back to work.

V: Water Department & Treatment Plant:

- **Distribution System:** Will Spencer reports to the board that they read the meters and they were read at 99 percent. He reports that Sensus only guarantees 85 percent. Will also reports that hydrant flushing was completed this morning. Will informs that board of two main breaks this week, one on South Gum Street and the other on 7th Street. Both have been repaired. Will reports that the training with EJP last week went well.

- **Treatment Plant:** Will Spencer reports to the board that there is nothing new to report at this time for the Water treatment plant.

VI: Utility Administration Report: Cara Giles reports to the board that Jennings County Domestic Violence canceled their public comment for this meeting and has rescheduled for June 17th meeting. She updated the board on the issue that the customer is having with a balance being carried over from the previous office system. Cara also informed the board of customer Tiffany Thomas and her concerns for the current water rates. Thomas was on the agenda and did not attend.

Cara informs the board about a customer Andrea McCrory and the issues she is having with bill pay through her bank and a late fee on her utility bill. The board informed Cara that they agree with Cara's decision not to refund the customer.

- **Claims and Transfers:** Susan Taylor made motion to approve all claims and expenses, Partrick Kirchner second. 5-0.

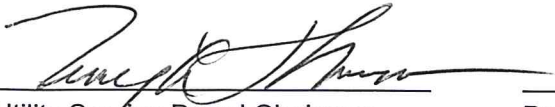
VII: Chris Doran Report: Chris Doran reports to the board that a new bill has passed, public law 105-2019 limiting our ability to place liens on properties due to renters defaulting on their bill. Chris will be going to a seminar for utilities and will have more information after. Motion was made for Chris to attend the meeting on June 25th by Warren Alexander, Susan Taylor second 5-0.

VII: Unfinished Business:

- **Quarry Update:** Russell Vaught reports to the board that the TIF board approved the extra funding for the slurry wall. A motion was made by Susan Taylor to move forward with the bids to proceed with the construction, Patrick Kirchner second. 5-0
- **Annexation/ Easement Updates:** Russell Vaught states that a schedule was sent out today for total completion to be December. He reports there is a construction meeting tomorrow. He states two people paid the fees to hook on to the 240 line.

VIII: New Business: Russell Vaught spoke to the board about a possible rate increase for waste water and water in the future. The board and Russell discussed the process of the rate increase.

Susan Taylor made motion to adjourn, Patrick Kirchner second, 5-0.

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