

**NORTH VERNON  
UTILITY SERVICE BOARD MEETING  
September 16, 2019  
6:00 p.m.**

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

The North Vernon Utilities Service Board met on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Carnegie/Government Center. Members present: Terry Thompson, Patrick Kirchner, Warren Alexander and Barbara Patterson.

Also attending the meeting: Russell Vaught Wastewater Superintendent, Will Spencer Water Superintendent, Richard Morin City Engineer, Chris Doran Attorney, Tonia Barberis Administrative Assistant, and Cara Giles Office Manager.

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

**Approval of minutes for the previous meeting:** Patrick Kirchner made motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, Terry Thompson second, 4-0.

- I. **Public Comment:** No public comment at this time. Merri Eder of 316 Franklin Street was to attend the board meeting to speak on her own behalf, she had asked to be put on the agenda. Will Spencer spoke to the board about the situation with Eder and the meter pit entry fee. The distribution department was informed by the wastewater department that she got into her meter pit. At that point, the customer was informed via mail with an invoice for the meter entry fee. After receiving the invoice Eder felt she wanted to dispute the charge. Warren Alexander made a motion that the \$200.00-meter entry fee was to be paid within 30 from the date on the invoice without a payment plan, Pat Kirchner second. 4-0.
- II. **Storm Water Report:** Russell Vaught reports to the board that Lochmueller came down and they are started working on the mapping for the grant.
- III. **Wastewater Department Reports & Info**
  - **Collection System:** Russell Vaught reports to the board that the collection system has been quiet with the dry weather. No service calls at this time.
  - **Treatment Plant:** Russell Vaught reports to the board that he received a notice from IDEM today that they are going to change the permit with a lead limit on top of a copper limit. In 2015 the department had a hit on lead and since then it's been below the limit.

Russell states he doesn't think they will have trouble meeting the limit. Russell also reports that he hired Mike Pierto for the wastewater department.

**V: Water Department & Treatment Plant:**

- **Distribution System:** Will Spencer reports to the board that they are getting several calls about brown water. He states its system wide and they cannot do flushing due to water conservation. Will states that he expects that flushing will take place early to mid-October. He also reports that the reservoir is down a half an inch. Will reports he only received one bid for new vehicles, and he wants to table this until the next meeting. He reports that a new employee started last week.
- **Treatment Plant:** Will Spencer hands out a packet for the proposed new PACL (Poly aluminum chloride) system. He reports BL Anderson will design and is installing it. Warren and Will and Russell discussed the vehicle shortage on the distribution side. Will reports he was advised to get two bids but only one has come through. He informs the board that at the next meeting he will have two bids. Warren Alexander made motion to proceed with the new PACL system, Terry Thompson second. 4-0.

**VI: Utility Administration Report:** Cara Giles reports the office is running well, penalties will go out in the morning. She reports annual Keystone training is coming up in October.

- **Claims and Transfers:** Patrick Kirchner made motion to approve all claims and expenses, Warren Alexander second, 4-0.

**VII: Chris Doran Report:** Chris Doran reports to the board that he did research on the property of 904 Madison Ave. owned by Mary Lou Duff. He states there is an \$18,000.00 mortgage on the property at this time. He states he drafted a lien on the property.

He also reports he drafted a policy change to allow for different payments for meter deposit allowing us to accept cash, checks, cashier's checks and money orders. The board looked over the policy. Patrick Kirchner motion to pass the resolution, Warren Alexander second. 4-0.

Chris Doran also reports that he recently found that there was an agreement made in March signed by Mr. Gilpin. Before learning this information, Chris drafted two letters for the board's review. He states a letter was sent 84 days ago and wants to use this as a 90-day notice. He reports he is going to send a letter giving Mr. Gilpin 6 days and threaten litigation. Patrick Kirchner made a motion to send a letter to Mr. Gilpin giving him 6 days from the date of the original letter to get hooked up to sewer, Warren Alexander second. 4-0.

**VII: Unfinished Business:**

- **Quarry Update:** Richard Morin spoke to the board about the quarry. He reports that they came in today to drill into the rock. He reports they will be cleaning that up. The

actual well construction will be done. He states he is guessing it should be close to the end of the month. Warren Alexander and Richard Morin discussed the specs of the quarry and the slurry wall. Pat Kirchner spoke to Will about the water shortage. Will reports there are a few more releases in Brush Creek. He states they have plans to re-plumb some piping to feed back into the quarry if necessary. Will reports 9.34 on the new lift station gauge 2 or 3 inches below the top of the damn. Russell reports Will and he met with Johnson mellow and they quoted a price.

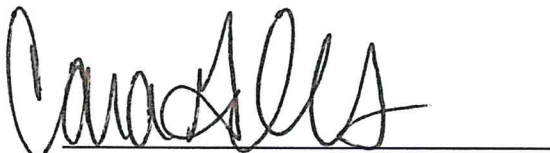
- **Annexation/ Easement Updates:** Richard Morin reports to the board things are still proceeding and they will have the next construction meeting. He reports two crews will be installing the sewer main. He reports the blasting is done. He reports lift stations are ready to go and the electric will be hooked up soon. Inspection will be taking place from IDEM a week from Wednesday. Russell Vaught reports someone hit the fence at the lift station on 350, and they may need to look into installing something to protect it.

**VIII: New Business:** No new business at this time.

Pat Kirchner made motion to adjourn, Warren Alexander second. 4-0.

  
Utility Service Board Chairman

10/7/2019  
Date

  
Utility board secretary

10/8/19  
Date

for Tonia Barberis