

February 12, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Department of Water Works was called to order at 7:00 P.M., on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, in the Main Office of the Department of Water Works, 532 Franklin Street.

A quorum was present with the following Board members in attendance: Mr. Ken Behrendt, Ms. Diane Gonzales, Mr. Davis Bush, Mrs. Beth Pishkur and Mrs. Carla Mock. Also present was Superintendent Chris Johnsen and Brian Merrill from Harbour Trust. Mr. Behrendt presided.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Mock, seconded by Mrs. Pishkur, the minutes of the January 28, 2025 regular Board meeting were approved as written.

The list of 9 purchase orders was presented to the Board. Upon a motion by Mr. Bush, seconded by Mrs. Pishkur, the list of 9 purchase orders was approved by the Board.

Upon a motion by Ms. Gonzales, seconded by Mrs. Pishkur, the Approval of Claims dated February 11, 2025 was approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bush, seconded by Mrs. Pishkur the Bad Debt List dated February 11, 2025 is to be written off for bookkeeping purposes only.

Superintendent Johnsen presented a memo to the Board requesting to extend the water main to serve the new Tryon Meadow Subdivision. Superintendent Johnsen recommends servicing the subdivision, quoting them \$236,197 for the extension and upsizing the main around the east and south side of the centralized pond. Upon a motion by Mrs. Pishkur, seconded by Mrs. Mock, the Board approved Superintendent Johnsen's recommendation.

Brian Merrill from Harbour Trust gave a pension performance update to the Board.

Under old business:

- Superintendent Johnsen requested permission to transfer the amount due to the DNR for the US 20 wetlands mitigation and to pay the invoice once it is received. Upon a motion by Ms. Gonzales, seconded by Mrs. Pishkur the Board approved the transfer and payment to the DNR.
- Superintendent Johnsen informed the Board that there was no new information concerning the INDOT Rest Area extension.
- Superintendent Johnsen informed the Board the Department had 20 main breaks in January, resulting in approximately \$30,600 in overtime. The average is 3 to 5 main breaks in January.

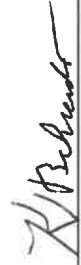
Under new business:

- Superintendent Johnsen advised the Board that Nipsco has an electric rate case before the IURC. The City is planning a resolution to oppose the increase and has requested information from the Department. An increase of 16.75% - 22% would increase the Department's electric bill \$62,000 to \$82,000 per year.
- Superintendent Johnsen advised the Board there is a Chamber luncheon on March 4, 2025 from 11:30-1:00 at Blue Chip. The Chamber awards dinner in on March 14, 2025 from 5:00-9:00 at Blue Chip, and the Mayor's Town Hall meeting is February 13, 2025 at 5:30.

There was no public comment.

There was no Directors comment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion by Mrs. Pishkur, seconded by Mrs. Mock, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



President



Secretary