

MINUTES
SANGAMON VALLEY PWD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 22, 2019

PRESENT: Bob Buchanan, Meghan Hennesy, Mike Larson, Bud Parkhill, Mike Melton, Kerry Gifford

GUESTS: None

1.) Call to Order: Chairman Hennesy called the meeting to order at 5:06pm.

2.) Approve Agenda: Chairman Hennesy asked for any changes to the agenda, none were noted so she asked for a motion to approve the changed agenda.

MOTION by Bob Buchanan and seconded by Bud Parkhill to approve agenda. All voting aye, motion carried.

3.) Public Comment: None

4.) Secretary's Report: Chairman Hennesy asked if everyone had a chance to review the secretary report for the May 22, 2019 regular board meeting. She asked if anyone had any changes, corrections or additions. Chairman Hennesy she asked for a motion to approve.

MOTION by Mike Larson and seconded by Bob Buchanan to approve the secretary's report from May 22, 2019 regular board meeting. All voting aye, motion carried.

5.) Treasurer's Report: General Manager Gifford reviewed items over \$1,000 on the current accounts payable report. Chairman Hennesy asked if anyone had any questions concerning the report, hearing none asked for a motion to approve report.

MOTION by Mike Melton and seconded by Mike Larson to approve the accounts payable report for April, May and June. All voting aye, motion carried.

6.) General Manager's Report: GM Gifford reviewed the GM report. Kerry talked about service line being hit the previous week and how the people on Golf Drive/Lake of the Woods Road were under a boil order due to a driver running over a water main in someone's yard (the company has already paid for the repairs). New issue at the Water plant concerning the iron filters. Mr. Gifford will obtain a permit and check on the costs associated. Mr. Gifford had his 5 yr. waste water inspection. See attached GM report.

- **Income:** Total operating revenue is 11% below budget forecast amounts at \$491,429.11. April water sales are typically below monthly average budget amounts. Non-operating revenue through April is at \$26,015.88. The District received 7 new housing start permits issued through May 15th. This year continues to be very slow year for new housing starts.
- **Expenses:** Operating expenses are trending above average with the budget through the end of April. Major sewer repair work at Lake Ridge Court, water main break at Golf Drive and repairs to the sewer plant effluent lift station pump and electrical controls are the major drivers to higher than normal expenses.
- **Meter Reading:** 10 meters were estimated in the month of April with 1,850 accounts billed. The April average water usage per customer were as follows: Homeowners 4,448 gallons, Candlewood 2,830 gallons.
- **Water Treatment Plant Chlorine Disinfectant:** Natural occurring ammonia in the ground water is combined with chlorine to make combined chlorine disinfectant. The Iron filters are producing Nitrosomonas bacteria. This bacteria metabolizes (oxidizes) ammonia to nitrite further increasing the amount of chlorine needed to reach desired chlorine residual. The District standard for distribution chlorine residual is a minimum of 1.0 mg/l. This level is not being met at this time but we are above minimum IEPA limits and all bacteria test are remaining clean. Options to correct low chlorine residuals are either to added ammonia or

- feed more chlorine and go to what is known as free chlorine residual.
- **Water distribution System:** Water loss for April was high at 10.8%. This was due to hydrant flushing of new subdivisions extensions in Prairie Crossing and Thornwood 5th areas.
- **Water plant building issues pricing:** We will be discussing the cost to correct building code compliant issue in the Water Plant at Monday night meeting. The board will need to make decision on how to move forward and correct the following: reduce the duct work sizing through the attic trusses, build a draft stop, increase the ridge vent sizing, seal pipe openings between water plant treatment room and pump room wall and install a 3 hour burn barrier over the glass inspection window to the chlorine room.
- **Wastewater Plant:** Effluent lift station pump station is now back in normal operation. Chlorine disinfection for fecal coliform inactivation is now in operation.
- **Collection System:** We had no sewer back-ups in the month of April.
- **Prairie Crossing 5:** Sewer and Water installed and we are waiting for clean bacteria test results and pressure testing of the water main before we apply for an operating permit.
- **Ridge Creek IV:** Unlimited Construction provided the final maintenance bond with the correct amount of surety. This development is now in the one year maintenance bond warranty period.
- **5th Addition to Thornwood Phase II:** Sewer and Water installed and we are waiting for clean bacteria test results and pressure testing of the water main before we apply for an operating permit.

7.) Old Business: A.) Unresolved building code issue – Mr. Gifford gave Bud Parkhill and Frank Howard a list of the costs associated (\$16,000). Bud and Frank went to meet with John Franoffer. Bud stated John was very helpful. It was discussed that Sangamon Valley wants to focus on the integrity of the building. John F. stated that some of the changes were not practical and concerning the ocu-permit, he knew John Hall very well and Mr. Hall was not about to jeopardize service to customers. John F. recommended going back to Joe Pisula and trying to reason with him about doing some of the items but not all and see if Mr. Pisula will sign off on it, if not fire Mr. Pisula and come back to him (John F.) and he (John F.) would get it done for Sangamon Valley. Sangamon Valley needs to do the common sense items. Kerry and Bud will be meeting with Joe to discuss further.

B.) Chapter 5 District Ordinance updates – The Ordinance has been changed and Board reviewed these changes that were previously discussed to be certain everything has been stated the way the Board previously agreed upon.

C.) Update – Campus Communication Group Fiber Optic to Mahomet – Sangamon Valley had another meeting with CCG and the president came this time. Sangamon tried to say the ordinances will not be changed for CCG. CCG was disappointed to hear this because they tried to suggest that somehow Sangamon's ordinances do not match up to other municipalities, however Sangamon is not a taxing body nor is it a municipality so the rules are a little different. CCG stated they would be willing to put \$5,000 into an account for any repairs and basically came back to Sangamon Valley for other options. Sangamon decided not to do this until after having the board meeting. Additionally CCG has told Thornewood residents that they will not install in their subdivision due to Sangamon Valley's resistance which naturally has the residents of Thornewood upset as they were told they would be one of the first pilots in the Mahomet area. Kerry discussed with the Home Owners Association representative concerning the issues surrounding the installation. Discussed sending a letter to all Sangamon Valley customers concerning CCG and the fiber optic installation. The letter was passed out to all Board members for approval. Additionally the Thornewood Homeowners Association (HOA) mentioned they may be interested in subsidizing CCG, however the question was posed as to how much money would the HOA be looking at needing. Meghan and Kerry discussed the possibility of providing a letter to the HOA's showing a calculator of risk with the typical service line cost times the number of houses in the HOA with a 10% margin each way to give the HOA guidance on the costs for them to discuss with CCG on their own. Mike Larson stated the HOA could go hire a locating company to locate the lines for CCG and that would be a known price for the HOA. CCG is also a locating company. The fear is continual misinformation between all involved without one meeting with everyone. Meghan stated Sangamon needs to contact all the HOA's and state if they (the HOA's) want to work with CCG, you as the home owner own the service lines up to the main do what you would like. We (Sangamon) have offered to locate the boxes for you. Here is a calculator for you to estimate the risk cost. You (the HOA) work out what you want with CCG, we (Sangamon) are not involved. Kerry

state he was told by Anne (the HOA representative) that the Village and CCG were planning to pressure the District into making the changes. There has been question as to how truthful CCG has been to date. CCG is acting like they can do whatever they wish which is believed to be due to Illinois lawmakers deregulating the industry to a certain degree. CCG has not talked to the Township or the County as of today. Permits have not been issued. Meghan stated it is prudent to get this letter out to the customers and something up on the website, trying to get ahead of things. Board determined the letter to be acceptable and directed for it to be sent out to all customers as soon as possible. Additionally there was discussion about possibly having a special informational meeting concerning the fiber optic installation with specifically the HOA's however anyone who wanted to attend could attend.

MOTION by Mike Larson and seconded by Bud Parkhill to direct Kerry Gifford to work with the lawyer to draft an ordinance requiring boring companies to pothole. All voting aye, motion carried.

9.) New Business: A.) Annual Meeting and Election of Officers – Kerry noted Lindsey Stroud will be the clerk. All nominations to remain the same except for the District Clerk. Meghan Hennesy – Chairman, Bud Parkhill – Vice-Chairman, Kerry Gifford – Treasurer, Lindsey Stroud – Clerk. Set up monthly meeting schedule.

MOTION by Mike Larson and seconded by Bob Buchanan to maintain the current Officers of the Board for the upcoming year with the exception of changing the District Clerk to Lindsey Stroud. . Roll Call: Mike Larson – yes, Meghan Hennesy – yes, Bob Buchanan – yes, Mike Melton – yes and Bud Parkhill – yes. All voting aye, motion carried. Said vote being an Aye vote, Officials being appointed.

B.) Disinfection problem at Water Plant – Discussed during GM Report.

C.) Seymour Annual Contract – Sangamon is only completing Billing, Meter Reading and reconnects. There was an increase from \$6.30 to \$6.50 per customer due to changes in technology. Both parties required to show proof of insurance.

MOTION by Mike Melton and seconded by Bob Buchanan to approve contact contingent on approval by lawyer. All voting aye, motion carried.

10.) Executive Session – Entered at 6:20 p.m. by Roll Call vote.

MOTION by Bud Parkhill and seconded by Mike Melton to enter into Executive Session. Roll Call: Mike Larson – yes, Meghan Hennesy – yes, Bob Buchanan – yes, Mike Melton -- yes and Bud Parkhill – yes. All voting aye, motion carried.

MOTION by Bud Parkhill and seconded by Mike Melton to leave Executive Session at 6:31 pm. Roll Call: Mike Larson – yes, Meghan Hennesy – yes, Bob Buchanan – yes, Mike Melton -- yes and Bud Parkhill – yes. All voting aye, motion carried.

MOTION by Mike Melton to adjourn at 6:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Gilmore