

The Regular Waterworks Board Meeting of the Town of Schererville, IN was called to order by President Rob Guetzloff at 7:07 p.m., in the Schererville Town Hall, 10 E. Joliet Street Schererville, IN.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Attendance was taken with the following Board Members present: Kevin Connelly, Robin Arvanitis and Rob Guetzloff. Councilmen Thomas Schmitt and Caleb S. Johnson. Staff members present: Attorney David Austgen, Deputy Fire Chief David Meyer, Deputy Police Chief Steven McNamara, Park Superintendent John Novacich, IT Robbie Hansen, Town Engineer Neil Simstad, Director of Public Works Andy Hansen, Director of Operations James Gorman, Town Manager Robert Volkmann, Clerk-Treasurer Michael Troxell and Recording Secretary Robin Thiel.

THEREUPON, Approval of the minutes. Mr. Connelly made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2022 Public Meeting, seconded by Mrs. Arvanitis. All in favor (3-0).

THEREUPON, Claims

- A. APV #104704 - APV #105081 on the Water Docket, Totaling \$1,646,527.65
- B. Various Funds, First National Bank of Omaha, Credit Card Charges, \$16,821.83
- C. Various Funds, Enterprise Leasing, September, 2022 Statement, \$3,346.64
- D. Various Funds, Austgen Kuiper Jasaitis, September Legal, \$8,885.65
- E. Various Funds, Menards, Parts/Supplies, \$2,207.14
- F. Water O&M Fund, LWG CPAs, Various Invoices, \$2,587.50
- G. Various Funds, Auto Wares, Parts, \$7,477.30
- H. Various Funds, Napa Auto Parts, September Parts, \$1,252.26
- I. Various Funds, Indiana Grocery Group, September Purchases, \$235.09
- J. Various Funds - Colby & Co., Town-wide Concrete, \$47,372.00
- K. Various Funds - Milestone Construction, Various Invoices, \$988,372.36

Mrs. Arvanitis made a motion to accept the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (3-0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence NONE

THEREUPON, Reports NONE

THEREUPON, Old Business NONE

THEREUPON, New Business NONE

THEREUPON, Business from the floor

Veronica Gawrych, 328 Deer Trail Lane, Schererville, stated that she moved into a Townhouse there at is 1,200 square feet. She stated that she has been paying over \$70.00 a month for her water bill. She stated that she inquired numerous times about it and she was told that I have an extra-large meter in her house, so in order to get it decreased in size so she can pay the same as everyone else. She stated she would have to pay, so she paid over \$600.00 to have a new meter brought in. She stated after she did that, her bill will still be \$70.00 for the next two months, because you bill two months behind. Ms. Gawrych stated that she found out that the meter that was installed in her home, was above the size that should have been put in. She stated that she is upset that it was approved for a Townhouse and that she has to pay over \$70.00 a month. She stated that she only uses 1,000 gallons a month.

Mr. Volkmann stated that the minimum charges are based on the meter size. He stated he would agree with her that the reason there was a 1" meter in her place, he cannot explain that. Mr. Volkmann stated that we don't dictate the meter size, which is done by the developer and the builder. Mr. Volkmann stated that a 3/4" meter, which is the standard size for a residential unit for that size. He does not know the reason a 1" meter was installed and those charges are set out by the IURC in our rate structure.

Ms. Gawrych stated that she is being charged for 5,000 gallons of water, she is being charged the maximum. Mr. Volkmann advised her that she is being charged a usage charge, which includes up to 5,000 gallons each month. She stated that it doesn't make sense that you charge people according to the size of the meter instead of what they use.

Mr. Volkmann stated that is a standard throughout the industry. All of the other communities have a minimum charge.

Mr. Troxell advised Ms. Gawrych that her sanitation, that is a flat fee and has nothing to do with your water meter. He stated that the hydrant fee on her bill each month also has nothing to do with her meter size.

Mr. Volkmann stated that her bill will go down in a couple of months because she put in a 3/4" meter.

Meeting adjourned.

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ROB GUETZLOFF  
WATERWORKS BOARD PRESIDENT

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TOWN CLERK-TREASURER

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