

Mary Lou McFadden brought the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Public Works Department Heads present:

Tom Dolph / Streets Superintendent, Greg Parrish / Water Superintendent

Public Works Committee members present:

Mary Lou McFadden (chair), Laurel Kuczynski, Don Reinke, Ernie Summers, Dan Tannas
(Scott Popp, Rick Remijas, and John Wall were absent.)

Others present: Bob LeMay, Town Council president; Chief Swistek, Town Administrator

Approval of April 2022 minutes (May 2022 meeting was canceled)

Laurel K. made motion to approve; Ernie S. 2nd / AIF

Approval of Water's April and May 2022 financials

Mary Lou commented that Clerk Perry asked Laurel K. to continue reviewing the Water Department's claims and financials. Laurel reviewed April and May's reports and found them to be in good order.

Don R. made motion to approve; Ernie S. 2nd. Discussion followed:

Laurel K. announced that Town's Budget & Finance committee has decided that the Public Works committee will no longer have the authority to approve the Water Department's budgeted claims and financials. Going forward, the Water Department's finances will be entirely determined by Town.

Vote was taken: AIF.

(Historically, the Water Department's Board approved the Water Departments claims and financials. In July 2021, Town Council voted 4-1 to disband the Water Board; at that time, the members of the disbanded Water Board were asked to continue on as the Water Advisory Committee. That committee no longer had authority to make monetary decisions for the Water Department but was encouraged to make recommendations to the Town Council, and was allowed to continue to approve Water's budgeted claims and financials. However, in February of 2022, Town Council voted to also disband the Water Advisory Committee. The Public Works Committee was created to advise both Streets and Water.)

WATER DEPARTMENT FIELD REPORT (Greg Parrish / Water Superintendent)

- Meters were read for May and June; repairs were made on any meters that did not read correctly.
- Water samples were completed for May and June; both months came back all clear.
- EJ Prescott installed three EZ valves (two 6" and one 10") on Lake Shore Drive.
- Thirty Storz quick-connect fittings were installed on prioritized hydrants for 2022.
- Servicing of all town hydrants is all being done.
- Summer locates are coming in regularly for projects throughout town.

STREETS DEPARTMENT OLD BUSINESS

- 1) The Long Beach sewer project was rejected by the Michigan City Council.
 - 2) CCMG second call application was approved by Town Council; it is due in July.
 - 3) SRF NOI submittal; that was tied in with the sewer.
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WATER DEPARTMENT OLD BUSINESS

- no old business
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STREETS DEPARTMENT NEW BUSINESS

- Tom Dolph discussed drainage issues at Stop 17 (Rizvi), Stop 21 (Fetzer), Stop 28 (Ramp & Osborn)
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WATER DEPARTMENT NEW BUSINESS

Lake Shore Drive upgrades project

The Water Department expects to proceed with planned improvements. Due to no longer coordinating with the sewer project, bids will need to be reconsidered by Town Council. Greg will work with Haas Engineering to get revised bids to the Council for the July meeting. Communication with residents prepared last March regarding the scope of the project and clearance of the utility of right-of-way areas will be revised, and letters will be mailed in the fall when the project's status is determined.

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

The 2021 CCR was published in the LaPorte County Herald on June 4; it is also available on the Long Beach website's Water page. A hard copy is posted at Town Hall (and are available upon request).

Payment/Billing Adjustments: Lynne presented the details of adjustments made 04.23.22 - 06.22-22

ANYTHING FROM THE FLOOR (Mark Swistek)

Mark emailed on July 1 regarding the watering plan for the dune grass, as discussed at this meeting:

"Tom and Greg have proposed a new solution for supplying water to the newly planted Dune grass at the Beach Stops. We have ordered a set of Fire Hose ramps (12' sections) that will be used to cover the Fire hose as it extends across LSD. Utilizing a fire hose from the Fire Department the ramps will cover the hose so that vehicles and bicycles can cross over it safely. This expenditure will be paid from the Water Department expense line item from their 2022 budget as Clerk Perry verified the funds are available. The hose ramps should arrive in a week. Therefore we will not need to order a watering tank as previously discussed.

Currently the team is using garden hoses and they were being destroyed by vehicles crossing over them daily. The fire hose ramps could also be used by our Fire Department at the time of an unfortunate fire or other use. Forecasting to the future, we should consider adding water taps at designated beach stops so we have access to water. Possibly this could be considered for the bid proposal for the LSD water tap upgrades. Something to discuss."

WATER DEPARTMENT BUDGETED CLAIMS

Claims were prepared for approval at this meeting; however Laurel K. suggested that in light of the decision made at the Budget & Finance committee discussed earlier in this meeting, this agenda item was not presented.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Laurel K. / Don R 2nd / AIF

NEXT MEETING: July 25th @ 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lynne Conlon