

MINUTES-PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – February 7, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PRESENT: (See attached sign-in sheet)

COUNCIL & EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Jane Efinger-Hayden, Sharman Jarboe, Brandon Kleeman, Linda Crawford, Adam Hoffman, Jay Oliva, and Pudder Linne

ABSENT: none

The public was asked to sign in and get an agenda.

The meeting began with the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Linda Crawford, President, called the public hearing meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She advised this meeting was strictly to discuss water rates.

John Wetzel of Midwestern presented a map presentation and an overview of our water system and its issues. We have 2 supply wells between here and Tell City that pump 400 gallons per minute and are 100 feet deep. Quantity is not the issue. Quality is the issue. We currently use chlorine and phosphates. We have 2 pumps. We serve 115 Troy Ridge customers. Manganese should be max of .05 and ours runs near .3-.4 which is almost 10 times the limit. Iron is not an issue at this time. We have main lines and meters getting clogged. They should last approximately 10-12 years and are only lasting @ 2 years. This is making our costs run up. Most towns are going to filters along the Ohio River. Hoping to move the pumps into the new building and also get the new electrical-read meters. The proposed filter plant is a simple-stacked model with a 14 foot base. This is a very economical system. Pudder and Tom visited the Rockport system which is similar and Reo also has one. They have a long-standing history of usage. The cost for construction and all other fees will be @ 2.1 million. We have applied for a low-interest loan and a grant from RD. We hope to bid out this year and start construction in 2019.

Ted Sommer from London Witte handed the board a report. Proposed doing it in 2 phases. There are USDA requirements that we must abide by regarding a bridge loan and turning it into permanent financing. He went through briefly a Rate and Financing Analysis. This would be a total of 67.61% increase. Phase 1 would be 35.67% and Phase 2 would be 31.45%. First phase would be implemented in April of 18 and 2nd phase would be @ January of 2019. We will be discussing this at the February meeting. The March 2018 reading will be read and then the new rates applied to the April 2018 billing. He spoke with USDA today and they are still in the process of determining the loan. Pudder advised that with all the paperwork, etc., it could be possibly April of 2019 when the 2nd phase would begin depending on the scheduling, etc. Advised the building would be 30 x 50 feet with 4 pumps and @ 1500 square feet. There would be a lab area with sinks and cabinets to run their tests.

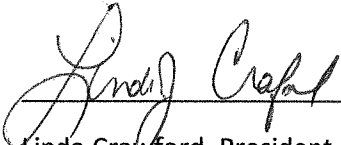
Meggitt and OrgChem reps advised they would like to see an extended phase-in as it is not in their budgets for this type of an increase this soon. OrgChem advised they had a letter to present to the board. They advised they understood the need for the increase and the filter plant, but this much of an increase this soon would be a hit to their budgets. They asked if they could delay the project 6-12 months to buy time. Pudder advised the process has begun and we are under state mandates to fix this problem.

Bob Harpenau asked if we had considered other options such as purchasing from another area. Pudder advised they looked into this and it was too far (St. Meinrad) for Patoka and the line size would not be sufficient. Tell City's water would end up costing up to 30% more.

Someone asked if new businesses came to town if they would help alleviate the costs/increase. Not really, but would increase revenue.

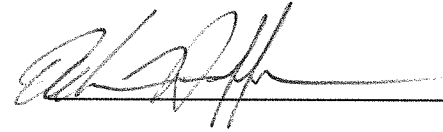
Linda advised that we would take all the comments and requests into consideration and there will be more discussion at the February 14, 2018 regular Town Board meeting


ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

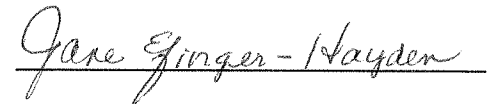

Linda Crawford, President


Jay Oliva, Vice-President


Sharman Jarboe, Board Member


Adam Hoffman, Board Member


Brandon Kleeman, Board Member


ATTEST: Jane Efinger-Hayden
Clerk/Treasurer