

CITY OF FRANKLIN  
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
APRIL 15, 2014  
MEETING MINUTES

TIME AND PLACE  
OF MEETING:

Chairman Grobner called the regular meeting of the Franklin Board of Water Commissioners to order at 5:15 p.m., on April 15, 2014 at Franklin City Hall, 9229 W. Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin.

Present at this regular meeting were Commissioners Grobner, Bate, Graef, Peterson and Schubilske. Also present were Manager Bennett, Assistant Manager Romeis, Superintendent Roberts, Director of Finance & Treasurer Rotzenberg and Chris Kaempfer.

CITIZEN COMMENT AND  
CORRESPONDENCE:

Steve Perrigo, consultant for Veolia Water.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Commissioner Graef moved to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Bate. Motion carried.

VOUCHER LIST/FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS:

Commissioner Bate moved to approve the Vouchers for March, 2014 in the amount of \$315,977.22. Seconded by Commissioner Schubilske. Motion carried.

VOUCHER LIST/FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS:

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve the Vouchers for April, 2014 in the amount of \$511,953.94. Seconded by Commissioner Bate. Motion carried.

REPORTS ON WATER SYSTEM  
PERFORMANCE:

Manager Bennett met with the Oak Creek Manager on March 3, 2014. Oak Creek has notified us of a simplified rate increase.

OLD BUSINESS

WATER AND WASTEWATER  
UTILITY BUILDING UPDATE:

Graef staff presented plans for the proposed new Water and Wastewater Utility Building.

Commissioner Bate moved to use Design R100 (red trim) and building be named for Manager John M. Bennett. Seconded by Commissioner Peterson. Commissioner Graef abstained. Motion carried.

76TH STREET UTILITY COSTS:

Assistant Manager Romeis reviewed utility costs associated with the S. 76th Street reconstruction. There remains two piping conflicts and need for insulation that the City will be responsible to pay.

Commissioner Graef moved to add non-participating water costs for relocating water mains on S. 76th Street in the amount \$69,673.20. Seconded by Commissioner Bate. Motion carried.

WATER LOSS STUDY:

Manager Bennett recommends finding a third party to help find and reduce water loss.

Staff will investigate and report back at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

BACKBILLING ACCOUNTS FOR INCORRECT PULSE CONSTANT:

Superintendent Roberts explained how error occurred. Manager Bennett indicated letters will be sent out to the five customers explaining the billing issue and now corrected billing based on more water use.

Commissioner Bate moved to not seek recovery from the five accounts for pulse constant billing errors. Seconded by Commissioner Peterson. Commissioner Graef abstained. Motion carried.

S. 27TH STREET WATER MAIN CONFLICTS WITH HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION:

Manager Bennett reviewed the water main conflicts associated with S. 27th Street reconstruction. He suggests hiring Kaempfer & Associates as consultant to develop plans and special provisions for bidding.

Commissioner Bate moved to hire Kaempfer & Associates to design the relays for S. 27th Street and include them in the WDOT project bid. Seconded by Commissioner Peterson. Motion carried.

MILWAUKEE WATER WORKS RATE ADJUSTMENT FILING REQUEST:

No action required on handout.

PERMISSION FOR DUMPSTER/LUGGER FOR REMOVAL OF SCRAP IRON FROM WATER BUILDING AREA:

Commissioner Graef moved to hire dumpster/lugger for removal of scrap iron from water building. Seconded by Commissioner Bate. Motion carried.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT:

Assistant Manager Romeis reviewed format, contents and distribution of the 2013 Consumer Confidence Report.

PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE FOR  
RELOCATION OF ELECTRIC AND  
GAS, 5550 W. AIRWAYS AVE.:

Commissioner Bate moved to approve to pay We Energies \$10,716.17 to relocate electric and gas at 5550 W. Airways Avenue. Seconded by Commissioner Peterson. Commissioner Schubilske abstained. Motion carried

FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER  
31, 21014:

Director of Finance & Treasurer Rotzenberg discussed 2013 Water Utility financials.

DISCUSS WATER UTILITY  
MANAGER POSITION:

Manager Bennett announced his retirement effective June 6, 2014. Suggest setting up a meeting with Mayor to discuss future of this position.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Schubilske. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Gilmeister  
Recording Secretary  
Board of Water Commissioners