

CITY OF FRANKLIN
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 18, 2013
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 June 18, 2013 at Franklin City Hall, 9229 W. Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin.
	Present at this regular meeting were Commissioners Grobner, Bate, Graef, Schubilske and Peterson. Also present were Manager Bennett, Assistant Manager Romeis, Superintendent Roberts, Director of Finance & Treasurer Patterson, Deputy Finance Director Rotzenberg and Consultant Kaempfer.
CITIZEN COMMENT AND CORRESPONDENCE:	None
MINUTES APPROVED	Commissioner Peterson moved, seconded by Commissioner Bate to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.
VOUCHER LIST/FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:	Motion made by Commissioner Graef seconded by Commissioner Bate to approve the Vouchers for June, 2013 in the amount of \$387,034.48. Motion carried.
REPORT ON WATER SYSTEM PERFORMANCE	All antennas back on top of water tower. Staff working to get contractor (Horizon) back to complete finishing work on tower. Requested a time schedule. Contractor preparing and painting hydrants this year primarily along main arterials (one sixth of system).
<u>OLD BUSINESS</u>	
STATUS OF OAK CREEK WATER RATE INCREASE	No Discussion.
SCADA SYSTEM UPDATE	System conversion is moving forward methodically. Scope greater than anticipated. Low side almost complete, will then move to high side. There have been no unplanned interruption to system. Hydrolink has backed up the Wonderware installation.
STATUS OF ST. MARTINS ROAD WATER MAIN EXTENSION	This item will be considered at tonight's Common Council agenda for recommendation to proceed.

NEW BUSINESS

ESTABLISH AN EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZATION LIMIT FOR UTILITY MANAGER

Motion made by Commissioner Bate seconded by Commissioner Graef to increase limit to \$5,000 for Utility Manager. Motion carried.

RETIREMENT OF WELL HOUSES

Recommendation to abandon wells 5, 7, 8 & 10. Concern for annual maintenance, including increasing DNR testing and future station repairs. Wells are tested quarterly, rarely pumped into system.

Motion made by Commissioner Bate seconded by Commissioner Schubilske to direct staff to begin investigation of abandonment plan of wells for Board review. Motion carried.

PROPOSED SEWER/WATER BUILDING

Finance Directors Rotzenberg & Patterson reported that financing is feasible from both a Sewer and Water standpoint. It was indicated that this may be a desirable time with financially low interest rates and a competitive bidding climate to construct now. Manager and Commission Chair to meet with the Mayor to start process & suggest visit current building with Aldermen.

Motion made by Commissioner Schubilske seconded by Commissioner Bate to direct staff to begin discussions with Mayor about proposed sewer/water building. Motion carried.

FRANKLIN WATER UTILITY – PURCHASED WATER

Reviewed graph of purchased water over the last ten years. It was noted that a significant (25%) increase incurred from 2004 to 2005 as retail customers of Oak Creek in Franklin became customers of Franklin. Annual variations are weather dependent. Sprinkling can raises water consumption during third quarters.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Commissioner Bate seconded by Commissioner Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Gilmeister
Recording Secretary
Board of Water Commissioners