



Ogden Dunes Water Board Meeting Minutes

4:30 PM June 12th, 2023 @ OD Town Hall

Present: Jim Slawinski (JS) Tom Cleland (TC) Devon DeMarco (DD) Dave Snyder (DS) Matt Moore (MM) Julia Klingensmith (JK) Karen Tallian (KT)

- The Water Board May Minutes were unanimously approved by the Water Board Directors.
- JK reviewed the May 2023 financial report. Upon review the Water Board Directors approved moving \$70K from the Operating Fund into the Capital Fund.
- KT Discussed the OD Town 2024 Budget and the possibility of increasing the percentage of the two full time Street/Water employees charged to "water". The Water Board Directors unanimously agreed to increase the Water Related Percentage from 15% to 30% which should result in approximately 21K being moved from Street Charges into Water Charges effective in 2024.
- The group discussed what changes may need to be made to the existing Ogden Dunes ordinances in order to raise the late fee to \$50 Dollars. DD presented two options which she will revise based on the group discussion. The goal is to have the new late fee incorporated by the end of the year if not sooner.
- JS presented a Zenner Report involving meter life based on size of meter, time, and volume. There was a concern involving one customer that has already used almost 2 million gallons of water since the installation of the new Zenner meter. Fortunately, with the current software available we can monitor any deterioration of meter reading performance as time goes on.
- JS reported that a new 2" Meter was ordered and provided to the General Contractor of the home being built at 58 Diana. MM will make the necessary arrangements to have a machine shop cut the required 2" hole in the large water meter pit cover. The MIU will be hooked up but not activated until the customer takes residence.
- JS reminded the group of the Indiana American Water Rate Increase Request which is now awaiting approval from the IURC. Nothing is expected until the end of the year.
- DD reported on the long-standing USIC issue involving USIC and Indiana 811 billing issues. JK reported that the last USIC billing was 100% correct. The group decided that we will continue down the same path of paying for only work done within town limits.
- TC Discussed "Phase 1" involving the electrical and control panel work to be done involving the Pump Booster Station. The group unanimously approved a quote from the contractor that will be doing the required boring under Hillcrest Road.
- TC Discussed "Phase 2" involving the Pump Booster Station Building Upgrade. Drawings have already been provided and contractor bids will be sent out by the end of next week.
- JS Discussed "Phase 3" involving the Pump Booster Station Outer Building Landscaping. DS mentioned that this project is better suited for the Beautification Committee rather than the Environmental Committee. JS mentioned that his only concern was that we use noninvasive plants.

- JS Mentioned that the Zenner Network/Reader Software was back up and running as of May 10th, after being down for over a month. The OD Resident Software Development has been delayed due to this network issue. JS will request from Zenner a status update.
- JS & MM reported on the indoor painting of the Pump Booster Station Building. Work which is approximately 75% Complete with the entire floor being done. MM will continue to piece away at the remaining work as time allows.
- MM reported on his plans to address the Water Main Shutoff Valves.
- JK reported that she continues to receive and document Resident Backflow Inspection Reports.
- MM reported on the recent Fire Hydrant Inspection, flushing and lubrication that was performed and completed the previous week.
- MM reported on the plan to test out the Fire Pump located in the Pump Booster Station. There is a possibility of testing out the system without having to open multiple fire hydrants. The plan is to eventually have the Fire Pump added to a regular inspection cycle.
- The Water Board Meeting concluded at 6:00 PM with the next scheduled meeting being July 10th @ 4:30 PM.

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Tom Cleland
Water Board Director

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Devon DeMarco
Water Board Director

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Jim Slawinski
Water Board Director