

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
TURKEY CREEK REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT**

The Board of Trustees of the Turkey Creek Regional Sewer District met in the Office of the said District, 4852 North 1200 West, Cromwell, Indiana, on the 19th day of November 2018. Such meeting pursuant to annual notice in accordance with the rules of the Board of Trustees and I.C. 5-14-1.5.

President Heil read the following: "Public comments or questions will be addressed during the "General Public Business" section of tonight's agenda. Therefore if anyone has a comment to present which has not already been presented, or a question to ask which has not previously been asked please do so when acknowledged by the Board. State your name and you will be allowed 2 minutes for your comment or discussion of your question."

President Heil also reminded the public that the discussion of possible expansion of the Northshore/Eastshore area had been tabled.

President Heil called for the roll of members of the Board shown to be present or absent is as follows:

PRESENT

Rex Heil
James Boone
Donald DeWitt
Dan Mikolajczak
Robert Dumford
Keith Ort
James Young

ABSENT

Also present were Jeff Hersha of Jones and Henry, Timothy Woodward-District Superintendent, Andrew Grossnickle of Beers, Mallers, Backs & Salin LLP, Chelsea Los of The Paper, Michael and Karen Williams of Microbyte, Jane Bauer, Billing Clerk and Pam Johns-Office Manager.

There were also approximately 15 people attending the meeting in order to get more information and state their concerns regarding the possible expansion of sewer service in the Northshore and Eastshore area.

President Heil verified that each Board Member had a copy of the minutes from the October 15, 2018 meeting. After discussion including verifying the depth (3-4 feet) of the manhole on Highland View Drive that was repaired and the number of air release valves (33) in the District, the motion was made by Trustee Boone to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ort and carried.

After a brief discussion including verifying the correction of the Boyce, Mckinney and Evans LLP invoice (name correction), Trustee Boone made the motion to pay claim #'s 8655-8671 and 73-81,92,95-97 and 8703-4, 8 as listed on Operation & Maintenance. The motion also approved claim #'s 8693-6 and from the Water Fund plus prepaid check #'s 15706-15748 from the Operation & Maintenance Fund, 1684 from the water fund and 1-3 from NEAR. The motion was seconded by Trustee Dumford and carried.

President Heil asked that Trustee Dumford handle the year end employee review and any salary adjustments for 2019.

President Heil also stated that he will be staying on the Board but the December 17th meeting would be his last as President.

Tim reported that he had the water lines at 5 homes blown out due to iron build up.

He stated that he and Stan Rice of Lupke Rice Insurance are reviewing the commercial insurance policy for 2019 including verifying that the NEAR Project would be covered as construction is completed.

He reported that the gutters have been repaired and ice dams installed on the back of the building at a cost of \$600.00.

Tim reported that he has received the IDEM permit with the changes requested for the Crow's Nest development.

All the manholes on Highland View have been raised and the Highway Department has finished the repaving.

A1A and Buttermilk Lift Stations have been inspected and anti-freeze added for the winter. All lift station block heaters were checked and appear to be in good working order for the winter season. They will be checked weekly during the winter.

Tim stated that all air release valves have been checked by popping manholes and making sure there was no leaking water. The SWAP area has a valve which is new to the District and all valves checked out and no repairs were needed.

He also reported on the addition of 90 acres to the sludge permit. This field will be cost effective as it is located directly across the road from the plant.

Jeff reported that with the sale of bonds being completed and contracts signed the construction should be starting immediately, depending on weather. The contractors will be verifying all paperwork and insurance, processing any submittals necessary.

The contractors may have to push some of the plant work off until spring depending on weather but should still be able to complete the work on schedule.

President Heil asked where the work would start. Tim confirmed that he had requested the work would start at Willow Grove in order to take the flow off the line to Syracuse as soon as possible.

Jeff stated that there was a construction meeting scheduled for December 6th and the contractors would be submitting their construction and completion schedules.

Andrew verified that he is working on a response letter to Syracuse. Trustee Dumford stated that at the last Sewer Committee Meeting it was suggested that the letter include a disconnection date-perhaps the end of 2019. After discussion the motion was made by Trustee Dumford to include a "contract termination date by 12-31-19" in the letter. The motion was seconded by Trustee Boone and passed.

President Heil verified to those present that this is mainly a result of the charges to the District by the Town of Syracuse that have increased by as much as 400%.

President Heil stated he felt it was important to send an invoice (with complete documentation) to Syracuse for the overpayment of \$58,000.00 which occurred from Jan-Sept 2016 and also the \$43,500.00 paid to HJ Umbaugh for the rate and calculation review and study of formulas used by Syracuse starting in January 2016. After discussion President Heil made the motion to send (registered) an invoice to the Town Board President of Syracuse for \$101,500.00 and copy the Town Clerk. The motion was seconded by Trustee Dumford and passed. President Heil requested that the letter be sent out within the next 5 days. A property owner in the Northshore area stated that she had sent an email and it had not been answered. The email was concerning the 4.1 million dollar bond and what it was to be used for. Trustee Boone and President Heil responded that the bond was for the NEAR Project only and had nothing to do with the possible service in the Northshore/Eastshore area.

The Board was asked regarding the status of the billing rates used by Syracuse when sending the monthly invoices to TCRSD. President Heil responded that the issues had not been resolved. The District has been paying what the rate consultants recommended and putting the balance of the invoice amount into escrow. Since both parties want to terminate the contract hopefully the issues can be resolved without litigation. Another individual asked regarding the potential expansion and why it was being done at this time.

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He also asked about grinder pumps and the expense of maintenance. The question was asked concerning why the District was looking into expansion. Jeff reminded everyone that the original mandate was issued in the 1970's to supply sewer service to all within the boundaries that were established by what is now IDEM. The District has just completed an expansion sewerage the majority of the Wawasee area. They feel the Northshore/Eastshore area is the remaining significant area within the District boundaries to be sewerage. Jeff indicated that the question regarding septic failure or pollution going into the lake should be addressed to the County Department of Health. With the other projects currently being done the Board made a motion at the October meeting to table any conversation concerning the possible expansion project and will let the property owners know if and when it is again being considered. The Board was also asked about cost to property owners. Trustee Boone reminded everyone that the other areas being referred to have received grant monies and while TCRSD received grant money for the initial start up the funds are no longer available.

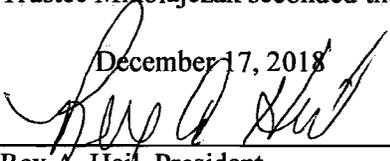
Jeff also explained the exemption system for property owners with the county if the homes septic system is less than 10 years old. President Heil reminded everyone that current regulation state that the properties well must be 50 feet from the septic and that many property owners do not know where the septic system or "fingers" end and this could cause a problem if any repair or new installation is required.

When asked, Trustee Boone reassured the property owners that if Northshore/Eastshore service is being considered the property owners would be notified ahead of time.

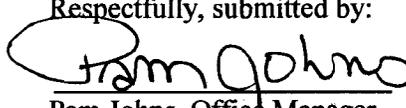
The Board was asked if it was ultimately their decision if service is expanded. Andrew responded that as of the mandate issued in the 1970's by what is now IDEM – yes it is the Boards responsibility as to decide when expansion would take place. It was also asked why the Board didn't request that the boundaries be redrawn and eliminate the Northshore/Eastshore area and does it include Bonar Lake. Trustee Boone and President Heil responded the Board has no intention of requesting changes to the District boundaries around the Northshore-Eastshore or Bonar Lake area .

There being no further business to bring before the Board, Trustee Boone made the motion to adjourn. Trustee Mikolajczak seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

December 17, 2018


Rex A. Heil, President

Respectfully, submitted by:


Pam Johns, Office Manager