

VALPARAISO LAKES AREA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING: August 21, 2013

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Kareiva, Rolando Chilian, Nancy Satterlee
Christian Anderson, Bob Garmon, Thomas Kruse

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mickey Koehler

CONSULTANT PRESENT: Dave Hollenbeck, Bob Minarich, Ryan Laughlin, Dale Brewer

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Bob Finley

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Garmon at 6:00 pm at the Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District's office's garage.

Don made a motion to approve the minutes. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried..

Financial Report

Dave handed out the 2014 budget. Next step is the county council to get their non-binding decision. The assessor has certified the assessed valuation. There will be a slight reduction in the evaluation; therefore the tax rate may go up slightly. The Board must have a quorum for the October meeting. Smilax Lane project looks like it will come in \$28,000 lower than from Pajay's bid.

Don then made a motion to approve the financial statements, seconded by Nancy. Motion carried.

Don then moved to pay the claims, seconded by Tom. Motion carried.

Don then questioned the Haas bills. There was some confusion as to which bill was itemized.

Nancy moved to release the payment for the Haas claim for approximately \$5500. The claim for \$10,000 was just approved earlier in this meeting. Tom seconded the release. Motion carried.

General Manager's report

The hydrant at Smilax and Edgewater is in and brought up to grade. Still working on digital copies for the fire departments. The 352 foot of 8" main is in and being tested. Services lines - H&G quoted to do it for \$9495, Weiler \$16,500. Tom made the motion for H&G Underground to install the services. Bob seconded it. Motion carried. 575' of sewers jetted. 29 manholes inspected. One manhole raised.

Nancy had brought up that a culvert and driveway on Calumet had been installed. Calling the county a permit was issued to a Mr. Saylor.

Nothing from ICloud yet concerning credit cards. Talking to other cities and town.

Rolando reported that two calls to Fox Chase farms have not been returned. Dave reported a hearing was held in Indy with the IURC about the operation of the sewer system.

Workman's compensation will not be renewed with our current carrier. Anton Insurance and Christian are working on additional quotes.

Matt's maintenance report

Board and relay replaced at Ostedt lift station. Found a relay that is failing and replaced it. Two more are on order.

2 bacterial samples passed. 3 meter change outs, 20 delinquent turn ons and 19 locates.

Nancy brought up a request from Tim Rue about hauling soil and stone to the Blackhawk Beach area to shore up the stairs where there was excessive wash out. The Board agreed to help with this.

Dave's Report

HR audit. \$2250. He recommends ODS to perform this.

Bob made the motion not to exceed \$2250. , seconded by Rolando. Motion carried.

Federal District court of Southern Indiana has created a constitutionally protected property right in water and sewer service. Under the 14th amendment. We may need to update our policy as far as a hearing. Dave hopes to bring a new protocol on our policy to the next meeting.

Dave then mentioned that Indiana American Water may be back on the table with the City Utilities due to the cost of refurbishing the wells especially at the airport.

A letter was received from Stu Summers with an offer to install a sidewalk in front of the office if we would sign over an easement to the City as part of the Burlington Beach Road improvement project. A discussion about an approach to the pole barn would be required in order to install this.

Bob so moved, Don seconded it. Motion carried.

Bob brought up the two change orders for Smilax. One to install 40 foot of pipe and a hydrant on smilax and the other 180 foot of pipe to be relocated.

Bob moved to approve change order # 2 which is the relocating of 180 foot of pipe. Don seconded it. Motion carried.

Bob M. mentioned the tree auction and that we are now on the DNR's mailing list if we wish to get in on it next year.

Bob Garmon closed the meeting at 6:49 pm.

Attest:

Bob Minarich
General Manager
Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District