

Citizens Water and Sewer Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Police Community Room

May 16, 2022

1. **Meeting Called to Order** – The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:07 p.m.

2. **Present at Meeting:**

Members – Samuel Robinson, Chair, Tanner Banks, Vice Chair, Ronald Bertling, Pat Stephens, and Seth Brewer.

Absent- Darius Smith

Staff – Russ Bergman, City Engineer, Stephanie Wunderlich, Engineering Secretary, and Pam Whited, Veolia.

3. **Approval of Minutes** – The minutes from March 21, 2022, were unanimously approved.

4. **Customer Comments** – Mr. Dave Guthridge from 6524 Taylorsville Road was present to discuss concerns regarding the flat fee that he is being charged because he does not have city water, only a well. Mr. Guthridge's concern was that his flat fee is higher than what his neighbor who has city water is paying. After discussion, the board recommended that Veolia look into the neighbor's bill, and they will discuss the issue if needed at the next meeting.

A customer request for credit was submitted by Nancy Byrge asking for reimbursement for the sewer portion of the bill due to a spigot being left on for approximately two days without her knowledge. After board discussion, Tanner Banks motioned to deny the request and Pat Stephens seconded the motion. The board unanimously voted to deny the request because it does not fall under the City's Water Leak Policy.

5. **Staff Report:**

East Water Main Extension – This project is currently out to bid. Watermain will be extending to Center Point 70 to eliminate Clark County Services.

East Sanitary Extension – Sanitary sewer will be placed along Route 4 and Chambersburg to also service Center Point 70 and surrounding area and eliminate Clark County Services.

Water Main Replacement – This project in the area of Hubbard, Helwig, Alter, Holbrook, Hinckley and Cruxten is currently out to bid. Portions of the road will also be replaced. The project is scheduled to begin toward the end of the year.

Jonetta Pump Station – Sanitary sewer and pump station will be placed here, eliminating the private sewer.

Sanitary Sewer Lining – This project will begin in the next few weeks. This involves lining old pipe with new lining instead of replacing the pipe.

Current Construction:

Housing - Carriage Trails, Quail Ridge, West Port Village, Reserves Phase II, Heathermere Woods and Callamere Farms.

Business – The new library is being constructed at the old Marian Meadows shopping center, a possible truck stop will be going in on 235 near Center Point 70, Broadreach is doing a development at the corner of Old Troy Pike and Taylorsville that includes businesses and an apartment complex, and two large storage units will be built, one on Waynetowne at the old Danbury Cinemas and the other will be on US Route 40 near Carriage Trails.

The City is in the process of purchasing land for the new wellfield to expand the wellfield and build a new well.

Board Discussion:

- Pat Stephens asked how the builders plan to keep flooding from being an issue at the old Marian Meadows shopping center when they start building. Russ Bergman stated that the original retention pond should be remaining and there will also be a new retention pond placed in front of the development.
- Sam Robinson asked about the possible new portion of Carriage Trails in Bethel Township. Russ Bergman said the new section is still possible, but water and sewer services may be provided by Bethel Township/Miami County instead of the city.
- The board discussed the traffic with the new development going in at Old Troy Pike at Taylorsville Road. Russ Bergman explained that the City will be widening Old Troy Pike northbound from Taylorsville to I70 east.

6. Suez Report:

Pam Whited went over the report for Suez for the months of March and April.

- The lift station pump at Old Troy Pike was completed
- Work at Cosner lift station is also complete
- Still waiting on parts to repair Carriage Trails pump station
- Sewer rate decreased by 7.5%, water rate increased by 5% and then a 3% CPI increase
- Pam gave her yearly report to City Council, and it was well received
- Water main breaks have decreased

7. Old Business - Samuel Robinson asked if Pam Whited could set up a tour at the Rip Rap Water Treatment Plant for the remaining board members that have not had the tour. Pam will email Sam optional dates.

8. New Business – Lisa Jeter had her interview for the last vacancy on the board and attended the meeting. She will most likely be appointed as a member at the next City Council meeting.

9. Upcoming Meeting – The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 18, 2022.

10. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.