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January 28, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Valparaiso City Utilities met in the Valparaiso City Utilities Board Room, 205 Billings Street, Valparaiso, Indiana on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Board members present were President Dave Bengs, Secretary Lori Ferngren, Assistant Secretary Kurt Minko and Treasurer Mark Thiros. Also in attendance were Utilities Director Steve Poulos, Attorney Mike Langer, Exec. Admin. Assistant Peggy Busse, CFO Alina Hahn, Water, Wastewater Superintendent Paul Scott, Project Management Director Nate McGinley, and Chief Deputy Engineer Erik Hellmuth.

- The minutes of the January 14, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- The Board reviewed and approved the submitted claims.
- Paul Scott requested the purchase of UV Wiper Assembly Replacements for the UV System at the Water Reclamation Facility. Paul stated that these wipers are an essential element to the efficient function of the UV process and have met and exceeded their recommended useful life. As the 2020 disinfection season begins on April 1st, Paul would like to have these components in place and ready to go. Xylem Water Solutions USA provided a quote of \$19,212.00 for the purchase of 240 wipers. Funds are available in the 2020 CIP Fund. The VCU Board approved this request.
- Steve Poulos and Erik Hellmuth presented information regarding the Beauty Creek Project and failures that occurred during the 5-year rain experienced on January 10 and 11, 2020. Lawson-Fisher has been contacted by Attorney Langer to provide an evaluation of the design, an explanation of the failures, and a revised design that ensures the elimination of failures up to a 100-year storm. Also requested was an explanation of the requested change order for Lawson-Fisher's underestimation of excavation, turf reinforcement, and BioD-Block which constituted the majority of the overruns. Once the final response has been received from Lawson-Fisher, an assessment and recommendation will be brought to the VCU Board of Directors. Erik and Steve proposed hiring V3 Consulting Engineers to review the design and provide an independent assessment of the project. The Board requested that Erik gather two or three proposals from independent engineering firms in an effort to provide an objective opinion of the design. Erik will gather this information and come back to the Board with his recommendation.
- In Staff Reports, Nate McGinley provided three options with cost comparisons for the proposed repaving of Bicentennial Park parking lot. Engineering Division requested the use of the Bicentennial Park parking lot as a staging area for the Burlington Beach Storm Sewer Project. In exchange for the staging area, a verbal agreement was made with the Parks & Recreation Board to repave the parking lot once the project was complete. As the agreement had not been presented or agreed to by the Utilities' Board and the repaving costs had not been included in the scope of the project, costs and options are being reviewed by the VCU Board of Directors.
 - The first option was the cost for paving the entire parking lot using the agreed to costs contracted with Walsh & Kelly as of January 1, 2020. This would include 3800 square yards at a cost of \$35,000.
 - The second option was to pave only that area that would be used in the staging. This would include 1985 square yards at a cost of \$18,000. *The estimates above do not include any re-striping costs or block re-alignment but does include ingress/egress areas.
 - The third option was the cost to restore right-of-way locations if staging would have occurred on the right-of-way areas of the project instead of the Bicentennial Park parking lot. This option would cost approximately \$8,500 for sod replacement.

Nate explained that common practice is to repair what is damaged during staging. Additional discussion will take place to determine if Public Works or Parks & Recreation are financially able and willing to participate in the cost of repaving the entire parking lot. A decision deadline of May 1st exists as the park will be open for activities at that time.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: February 11, 2020

Dave Bengs, President

Lori Ferngren, Secretary