

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 23, 2020

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session at the Knox Community Center on Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at 9:30 AM CST, with the following members present: Mayor, Dennis Estok; Clerk-Treasurer, Cyndi Kidder; Board Members Steve Dodge, and Jim Collins; City Attorney, Autumn Ferch.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES for 11/25/2020

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed to the Board Members prior to the meeting for their review. Steve Dodge made a motion, seconded by Jim Collins to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF PAY APPLICATION #10 - THIENEMAN CONSTRUCTION. WWTP IMPROVEMENT PROJECT \$102,157.43

Steven Henschen from JPR gave the Board an update on the project. Steven stated that the project should be 100% completed today. Only two things were left on punch list for today. Jim Collins made a motion to approve Pay Application #10 for \$102,157.43, \$7,000.00 less than requested for cold sill possible leaks. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge, motion passed with Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF PAY APPLICATION #11 – THIENEMAN CONSTRUCTION – WWTP IMPROVEMENT \$23,763.51 RETAINAGE RELEASE

Steve Dodge made a motion to approve Retainage Release Pay Application #11 for \$23,763.51, seconded by Jim Collins. The motion passed by a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: DISCUSSION OF 2021 FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN KNOX AND CENTER TOWNSHIP AND BETWEEN KNOX AND JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Ken Pfof, Chief of Fire, explained to the Board about the contracts. A discussion was had about the length of the contracts, instead of a yearly renewal the Board would like the City Attorney to review and revise the contracts to make it an automatic renewal unless changes are requested. Mayor Dennis Estok made a motion to accept the contracts as written with the automatic renewal added. Jim Collins seconded the motion, the motion passed with a vote of Three (3) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS

Street Superintendent Jeff Borg updated the Board that his department hauled off over 30 loads of leaves. Leaf pick up ended December 10. The City was awarded the Community Crossing Grant again for paving roads.

Water Superintendent Tim Lindewald updated the Board that his department has repaired and replaced fire hydrant on Highway 35 from an accident. They repaired 2 busted water mains at two different intersections. Tim thanked the Street and Sewer Departments for their help. Teamwork!

Sewer Superintendent Jason Clemons updated the Board. The department spent eight days hauling away 156,000 gallons of sludge. They have been doing the day-to-day checks on lift stations. They had an emergency call for well pump #1, a seal failed, and they replaced it.

Building and Code Compliance Director Ken Pfof updated the Board, he has been working on removal of junk vehicles from City residents' yards. He has also been doing his daily code enforcement.

Corporal Chad Dulin sat in for Chief Harold Smith and informed the board that a part time officer had been hired. They have been down 3 full time officers lately due to medical illnesses.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time the meeting upon motion was duly adjourned.

Dennis Estok, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cyndi Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer