

ROCKPORT BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
APRIL 1, 2014

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Robert Lindsey, Carol Huff, Mayor Harold Goffinet, Clerk-Treasurer Susie Roberts and City Attorney, John Hargis

PLEDGE: The *Pledge of Allegiance* was said by all.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Robert made a motion to approve the minutes of our regular meeting on March 4th; Harold seconded the motion; Robert and Harold were in favor and the minutes were approved. Robert made a motion to approve the minutes of our special meeting on March 25th; Carol seconded the motion; all were in favor and the minutes were approved.

WASTEWATER REPORT: Sherry Roeder gave the wastewater report (see attached report). She mentioned that they have begun smoke testing and have corrected a couple of areas already. Testing will continue for several weeks.

GENTRY BUILDING: Phil Brown gave us an update on the Gentry building. He states that we will cite them, via certified mail, for a violation on their roof.

DJ BUILDING: Phil Brown also gave an update on this building. He stated that the owner, Robert Feuerbach, had entered into an agreement with the City to complete the necessary repairs within 65 days. Some repairs have been made but he has failed to complete the required items. The next step for the City would be to take legal action. Carol made a motion to take him to court; Robert seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

SIGN TAP ON AGREEMENT: A sewer tap on agreement for John Bunner was signed.

PROPERTY CLEANUP: There is an old couch that needs to be removed at 7th and Washington Streets.

DEPOSIT & REFUND COMPLAINT: Dennis Gass appeared before the board with a complaint regarding the refund of his meter deposit on his utility account. He and his wife are going through a divorce and he would like to have his name removed from the account. His complaint is that she would have to pay a \$200 deposit to reopen the account. It was explained to him that, due to our current ordinance, any account that has numerous delinquencies will require a \$200 deposit.

OVERHEAD DOOR AT CITY GARAGE QUOTE: Mayor Goffinet mentioned that he is trying to get three estimates for this. At this time he has only received one response from Evansville Garage Doors for \$3,300.

THIRD ST BUILDING: Phil Brown spoke to Mike Schulte regarding the property located at 120 S Third Street. Mr. Schulte said he will make the necessary repairs but is waiting to get the money to do the work. Carol made a motion to set a hearing for the Schulte's to appear before the board on April 23rd at 4:00 pm; Robert seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: City attorney, John Hargis, mentioned that on the 21 day suspension of Officer Dawn Krantz – she had the right to a hearing which she had to exercise within five days. Since she did not request a hearing the order on suspension for twenty one days would be affirmed. Carol made a motion to ratify the suspension; Robert seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Goffinet met with representatives from Purdue University a couple of weeks ago. They wanted to discuss Ash trees in the city and the treatment to prevent the emerald ash borers from killing them. There are several Ash trees in the park. The board agreed to have the mayor get further information regarding the price of the treatment.

Mayor Goffinet received a call regarding the placement of a sign on Elm and Fifth Streets to indicate the location (with a directional arrow) of St Bernard's church and school. City attorney, John Hargis, stated that if it was on city property we would have to authorize it. If not on city property they would have to take care of it.

ADJUSTMENTS: Adjustments were approved.

ADJOURNMENT: Robert made a motion to adjourn; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.