

STORMWATER BOARD, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2011--5:00 P.M.

Members present were Scott Long, Brandon France, Nick Ferry and City Attorney Doug Lehman. Department heads present were Rick Price.

The Stormwater Board meeting was called to order by Scott Long.

MINUTES

Scott Long made a motion to approve the September 20, 2011 minutes as presented. Brandon France seconded, motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Report balance is \$1,279,694.83 for period ending October 31, 2011. Scott Long made a motion to approve the financial reports as submitted. Brandon France seconded the motion, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Carroll/Glenn Street Project: Rick Price appeared on behalf of the Stormwater/Wastewater Department. The easement with the Dunnagans has finally been completed but did put the project behind. With winter weather coming, it was agreed to hold off further work until spring. Glenn Avenue will probably be done first as it's the easiest to do.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Updates from Brandon France: Mike Seals (Engineering Manager-Indiana American Water) was present for the meeting. He manages main replacements and relocations for the State and all of their cities. He travels around to the communities and explains what they (Indiana American Water) are doing about aging infrastructure. IAW basically ranks aging pipe throughout Indiana (4400 miles of pipe within their 23 cities) trying to anticipate which pipe may fail to avoid situations such as the Manchester Avenue break. Wabash has 75 miles of water main approximately and all water mains that need it cannot be replaced. So it's necessary to budget and get input from our operations (Brandon) on the main break history, how old the main is and if there are critical customers (like hospitals) on it. We do this throughout the entire State and ended up with hundreds of bad pipe and we rank from the top down. Olive Street got a higher ranking and will be getting replaced next year because it dates back to 1910 (designed to last 60-75 years). IAW approximates 20 miles of pipe next year to be replaced in Indiana. They go around and systematically rank it as best as possible to get rid of inferior materials, i.e., cast iron, pvc (used in the mid-70s that does not seem to last) and the upgrades provide communities more reliable service. Nick Ferry asked how much a mile of pipe costs and Mike responded to replace a 12" pipe, approximately \$100 a foot, depending if you have to put pavement back or any bores under railroad track. IAW's replacement budget is \$5 million a year because their mains are failing to the point they have to be replaced-that's for the entire State. Also, IAW does a lot of water relocations (working on the Glenn and Carroll project) all across the State and is a significant part of their budget as well. IAW has probably 100 water main projects within a year, in just about every corner of the State.

Doug Lehman inquired about the new water tank to be built and asked should there be a failure at one of the other tanks would we still have water throughout most of the City? Brandon stated it will add capacity and storage production needs. It will be good for the community to have another million gallons in the air.

2. Updates from Rick Price (Wastewater Department): The storm project on Allen Street hill is on the inside of being completed. That's another section of line that we had to run the camera down and found it's still traveling. When this big line gets repaired, more camera work will be conducted.

Also, working with Phend Brown regarding manhole covers and catch basins on the blacktop projects. They're raising a total of 23 catch basins and Phend Brown is under review with INDOT as far as we want some manhole covers raised (particularly Street Department wants this). John and I spent some time out measuring, Phend Brown milled 1.5 inch off and put 2 inches back on.

Another project with the water company was at the Eagles theatre. We had a water main leak that ended up infiltrating into our storm lines and we thought the problem was with the storm lines. Once we started digging and discovered the magnitude of water, Brandon and his crew came in, found the problem, and got it fixed.

With winter approaching, projects pretty much wrapped up unless something new develops.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

NONE

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNED

Scott Long made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nick Ferry seconded the motion, motion carried.