The Regular Waterworks Board Meeting of the Town of Schererville, IN was called to order by President Guetzloff at 7:00 p.m., in the Schererville Town Hall, 10 E. Joliet Street Schererville, IN.

Attendance was taken with the following Board Members Present: Kevin Connelly and Rob Guetzloff. Board Member absent: Robin Arvanitis. Councilmembers Present: Caleb S. Johnson and Thomas Schmitt. Staff members present: Attorney David Austgen, Fire Chief Robert Patterson, Deputy Fire Chief David Meyer, Police Chief Pete Sormaz, Deputy Chief of Police Steve McNamara, Park Superintendent John Novacich, IT Robbie Hansen, NIES Engineering Neil Simstad, Director of Public Works Chad Nondorf, Director of Operations Andy Hansen, Town Manager Jim Gorman, Clerk-Treasurer Michael Troxell and Recording Secretary Robin Thiel.

THEREUPON, Approval of the minutes. Mr. Connelly made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2023 Public Meeting, seconded by Mr. Guetzloff. All in favor (2-0).

THEREUPON, Claims

A. APV #108144 - APV #108533 on the Water Docket, Totaling $1,135,725.83
B. Various Funds, First National Bank of Omaha, Credit Card Charges, $18,878.66
C. Various Funds, Austgen Kuiper Jasaitis, April Legal, $12,500.20
D. Water O&M Fund, LWG Advisors, Various Invoices, $6,900.00
E. Various Funds, Omni, Clerk-Treasurer's Office, $6,525.00
F. Various Funds, Von Tobel, Parts, $89.20
G. Various Funds, Sam's Club, Supplies, $1,192.28
H. Various Funds, Lowe's, Parts, $548.29
I. Various Funds, Unifirst, Cleaning Services, $1,093.00
J. Various Funds, Auto-Wares, Parts, $16,220.88
K. Various Funds, Menard's, Parts, $3,068.82
L. Various Funds, Master Meter, Annual Report, $3,750.00
M. Various Funds, Midwestern Electric, Traffic Signal Maintenance, $1,977.00
N. Various Funds, T&M Tire, Tracks for Mini-Excavator, $2,800.00
O. Water O&M Fund, Ferguson, Stock Supplies, $3,965.24

Mr. Connelly made a motion to accept the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Guetzloff. All in favor (2-0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence NONE

THEREUPON, Reports

Mr. Gorman stated there are a couple of items on the Waterworks Board Agenda tonight. Indiana American Water is petitioning the IURC (Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission) for rate increase on whole sale utilities. He stated that they are looking for a fifty percent increase. Mr. Gorman stated that we are having our legal experts down in Indianapolis, along with our Town Attorney, and our Financial Advisors intervene on that rate case. Mr. Gorman stated the cost to the Town if those go through and get approved by the IURC, will be approximately one and a half million dollars to the Schererville Water Utility.

Attorney Austgen stated the Indiana American Water Company provides Schererville residents their water supply. He stated that is under contract, something we rely upon and it's a necessity. Attorney Austgen stated that what we have come to learn over the past several decades is that every other year Indiana American seeks relief for increase of its rates before the IURC in Indianapolis. Attorney Austgen stated that all of the administrative proceedings for a rate increase requested will occur that body. He stated that Schererville has historically objected to and resisted the increase request on a bi-annual basis. Attorney Austgen stated that 2018 was the last petition that went to a full prosecution and there was a substantial savings of some twenty percent by the Town, through its efforts. Attorney Austgen stated that over the next, not to exceed 270 days this matter will be in administrative proceedings.

THEREUPON, Old Business NONE

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. Consider Recommendation to the Town Council for LWG Proposal to Assist with the Intervention of Indiana American Water Company Rate Increase through the IURC.

Mr. Gorman stated that this is what we discussed earlier. He stated that London Witte Group are our Financial Advisors and if they have to speak in court, they will represent Schererville.

Mr. Connelly made a motion to approve the LWG Proposal, seconded by Mr. Guetzloff. All in favor (2-0).

ITEM B. Consider Recommendation to Town Council for Bose McKinney & Evans LLP Proposal to Assist with the Intervention of Indiana American Water Company Rate Increase through the IURC

Mr. Connelly made a motion to approve the Bose McKinney & Evans LLP Proposal, seconded by Mr. Guetzloff. All in favor (2-0).

THEREUPON, Business from the floor NONE

Meeting adjourned.

ROB GUETZLOFF
WATERWORKS BOARD PRESIDENT

MICHAEL A TROXELL, IAMC, CPFIM, CMO
TOWN CLERK-TREASURER

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