

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 22, 1989 of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Ron Lamb, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.. All board members were present in addition to those on the attached sheet. Ron stated the purpose of the meeting was for the board to consider the ordinance removing the utility from jurisdiction of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

The board distributed copies of the regulation allowing the utility to pursue this course of action.

Thirty-five (35) representatives of the town & township were present at this meeting, the utility having approximately 1,047 users. Also attending was Gary Getrost, Water Utility Manager, and Virgil Bolly, attorney representing the utility at this special meeting.

President Lamb called on Mr. Bolly to read the ordinance as proposed. Mr. Bolly then explained the purpose of the ordinance and the effect of such ordinance to allow the utility to remove itself from Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission jurisdiction, which in effect gives the utility more local control of their destiny. Mr. Bolly then opened the meeting for questions, emphasizing this meeting was called to consider the ordinance only and any complaints, etc., of the utility should be dealt with the boards' regular monthly meetings held the second Tuesday of each month.

Talbott Richardson: I understand the utility could save approximately \$10,000 to \$20,000 in accounting & legal fees if the utility was not under the I.R.U.C. when the utility seeks a rate increase.

Bolly: There could be savings but reminded those present the board would have complete control of rates.

A. Fife: What are the balances, how much cash does the utility have?

Clerk-Treasurer: Current balance of cash and investments - \$135,728 plus \$ 31,693.

Ira Collins: What is the idea of getting our?

Bolly: To allow the utility to exercise more control of rates and to hold down excess costs for legal and accounting.

F. Gitner: Would the approximate \$20,000 of possible savings affect claims, etc., against the utility?

Ron Lamb: Claims against the utility are covered by the utility's insurance carriers.

F. Gitner: What are the utility's plans for the future?

Ron Lamb: Needs dictate the exploring of various means of delivering water; that costs of purchasing water is expensive and therefore the utility needs to expand our resources.

J. Herron: As a Pekin Road resident user I have had to call the state about the water situation and would like to know if the state has been checking on the utility? Has this any effect on this meeting?

Ron Lamb: To my knowledge the state (presumably the health department) has not contacted me or any board member.

Gary Getrost: I am not aware of the state contacting the utility.

W. Schmitt: Why notify all ratepayers?

Ron Lamb: It was required under the statutes.

E. McKinny: I read the ordinance that allows 10% of registered voters to vote down this ordinance and also the board of trustees out of office.

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- Ron Lamb: The registered voters referred to are Town of Greenville voters only.
- W. Miller: The utility has been in operation for 24 years and has but one (1) rate increase since being formed and I believe it best to keep the utility under the I.R.U.C. control to avoid runaway rates and other dangers.
- R. Smith: What happened to the lake on Voyles Road?
- Ron Lamb: The lake is still there and our only source of water although the past two (2) years the lake has been almost dry; therefore making it necessary to purchase water from others.
- F. Goss: I have had no trouble with water or quality.
- C. Harper: I believe rates have been satisfactory and I see no reason for the utility to be taken out from under the I.R.U.C.
- B. Fife: I share the same sentiments as Harper. How are financial statements handled?
- Clerk-Treasurer: They are published in the New Albany Tribune each January and copies are on file in the office.
- W. Hardin: The way I see it people outside the town have no rights.
- W. Miller: The utility was formed thru efforts of the town since the only way funds could be obtained was by an incorporated entity. So the town assumed responsibility to form the utility to furnish water in the town and outside of town.
- E. Meyer: If the ordinance goes thru does the town have to notify users of rate increases?
- Bolly: The town has an obligation to give notice of rate increases. But you are reminded even if still under the I.R.U.C. the board can still raise rates.
- H. Ross: How many times has the utility been before the I.R.U.C?
- Ron Lamb: We have had one (1) rate increase.
- D. Boaz: Who has control if not under the I.R.U.C?
- Bolly: No control by the I.R.U.C., only the board.
- F. Gitner: What are the boards' forecast for the future?
- Ron Lamb: Past experience has shown the need for additional water supply but to be able to predict what the future holds is hard to do. To sit here and say it would be such and such would not be proper because things change fast sometimes.
- C. Purvis: Without a larger lake water would be severely limited.
- A. Fife: Is the utility planning expansion and if so, will Deerfield Subdivision get water?
- Ron Lamb: If the water line runs in front of the property, yes they will get water.
- W. Miller: I feel safer if the I.R.U.C. regulates.
- F. Goss: I am satisfied as we are now.
- F. Gitner: I feel the same as Willodean Miller.
- A. VanWinkle: As a former resident of Pekin Road I can attest the line was laid too small when originally installed for the volume of water needed.

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- Bolly: The board recognizes the problem and is trying to rectify the situation.
- J. Tush: I have faith in the current board but doubt future boards would have the wisdom of this board, therefore I favor staying under the I.R.U.C.
- J. Hunt: I trust the board but what if Public Service Indiana and Marble Hill wasn't under the Public Service Commission. Can anyone imagine what might have happened? What about Greenville Utility in future rate increases.
- Bolly: Public Service Commission (I.R.U.C.) has no powers to regulate actions of this board, only rates.
- J. Tush: I am grateful for the Town of Greenville forefathers' foresight to build such a water system.
- B. Kanzinger: Relative to the expense of \$20,000 for accounting and legal; would this amount be offset to total costs for engineering fees?
- Bolly: The figure of \$20,000 is an estimated additional cost for using I.R.U.C. accounting and legal people. Engineering fees would still be figured in any rate increase along with the estimated costs.
The board will meet again at their regular meeting to consider the ordinance after reviewing the comments from all of you. Their next meeting is the second Tuesday of March.
- J. Tush: I would like a show of hands of town residents. I think we should try to get the needed 10% of registered voters.

Ron Lamb stated he believed everyone present had an opportunity to speak and asked if anyone had anything else to say. No comment from those present he motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by B. Spears, at 9:03 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,


Clerk of the Board


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