

MINUTES - Town Board Meeting

Meeting Date: ~~October 3, 1994~~ Feb. 14, 1995
Location: Town Hall
Attendance: Bob Williams, President; Janet Riggs, Ray Gibson, Town Board Members; Junie Gesenhues, Attorney; Bob Gibson, Consultant; Gary Getrost, Water Company Superintendent; Carol Dale, Citizen/Water Advisory Committee member stand-in for Butch Richardson; Ervin Rickart, Water Advisory Committee Member; Citizens - Freda Sommerville, Pedro Rivera, Debra Ruckman, David Ruckman, Chester Richardson, Melanie Hoke (Wind Dance Farm).

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 pm. David Ruckman requested water meter tap-ins for a new sub-division he and a group of others were developing on Old Vincennes Road. There is not currently a line at the road at the development, but there is a 4" line at one end and a 6" line at the other which would feed the new line. They would put in the 6" line as long as they could get the tap-ins. Immediate need is anticipated at 10 with the total of 40 to 60 planned over a 3-5 year period. They would go ahead and put in fire hydrants even though they have been fighting an agency about what is required for hydrants, with the agency not recognizing hydrants on any line smaller than 6" (They have had problems with this agency in the past.) They need a letter or something they can take to their banker and the Planning and Zoning Commission. Gary Getrost advised that the town has specs on minimums required for a 6" line.

Melanie Hoke of Wind Dance Farms expressed that they would like to have phase II annexed, and wanted to know if they needed to do it the same way as last time. Yes, the roads must be in and inspected by the county before annexation can take place because Greenville does not have anyone to do inspections. This brought up another topic, INSPECTIONS. Wind Dance expressed that they would prefer if we had a building inspection. Junie advised that is something the Town Board needs to work on, and he anticipated he would have some information by the next meeting.

Junie will call Bev Smith at Planning and Zoning and try to set up a meeting to discuss the possibility of the County doing inspections for Greenville. From previous conversations, the best time would be at noon when some of the inspectors might be there. This approach to informally discuss with them prior to having it go before the Commissioners would be the best. Junie hopes to have a date before the next meeting. It was asked if we would loose control over who gets permits, which some control would be lost, but it would be best to adopt existing criteria which would include remodeling and additions.

There was much discussion on the signing of the Contract with IND-AMERICAN WaterWorks to proceed with the sale. Ray expressed he felt very uncomfortable in signing since he was not up to speed on all that has transpired before he took the Town Board position. He wanted to devote some more thought to the entire proposal. Ray was surprised to learn that nobody had been to talk to Ramsey before now. Butch went through a senario about what happened at a meeting back in April of 1994.

The boards position was that postponing the signature by a few weeks or even a few months should not affect Indiana-American's desire to purchase the water utility. Butch reiterated the Advisory Committee's position was that the contract should be signed tonight, and not put off any further.

Another concern that Ray had was that a sale could affect putting in sewers

since a lot of times the sewer and water lines run together. Butch said that previous plans for sewers years ago did not call for the lines to be run together. Gary Getrost also mentioned to Butch that the Bud Olin mediation is part of the reason Ray feels uncomfortable with signing something so important without first feeling OK about it, as he did not feel OK about the final outcome on the Bud Olin Payment.

Butch said the Advisory committee will meet in the next week or 2 and Ray would be welcome to attend the meeting and perhaps his concerns could be explored then. The Town Board officially postponed the signing of the contract and called a "special" meeting for 2/28/95 at 12:00 noon. Attorney, Junie Gesenhues will contact Richard Hargraves at IAWW to advise of the decision.

There was discussion about changing the Town Board from 3 to 5 members. Junie said he had done some research on this, but did not have it with him, so he would bring to the 2/28 meeting and it will be on the agenda.

Meeting was adjourned.

Additional discussions after the meeting included:

Cost of Water meters - Possible increase. We currently charge \$350. and FK charges \$450. Costs have gone up and this should be reviewed.

Prior to the meeting, due to the sensitive nature of personnel matters, a conference was held with employee, David Mayfield; supervisor, Gary Getrost; Town Board Members, Bob Williams, Janet Riggs, Ray Gibson; about the Insurance Company's position in regards to his driving record. It was explained to him that he would not be able to take the company truck home and if he got any tickets at all, either while at work or off duty, he would lose his job because the insurance would not insure him if any more driving violations occurred. Since his job involves driving, the town would not have a choice in the matter. He said he understood and was not a fast driver anyway.

January, 30, 1995

To Members of the Greenville Town Board:

As you are aware, I am moving from the town of Greenville and will not be able to complete my last year of office. My resignation will be effective January 31, 1995.

I have enjoyed working with the town members and with the water utility employees. You have been very helpful and I will miss working with you.

Good luck and if I can be of any help in the future, do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Harold M. Hall

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JANET RIGGS

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January 31, 1995

Dear Town Board and Water Board Advisory Committee:

Effective today, I am resigning my position on the Water Board Advisory Committee so that I may accept the vacated position on the Town Board. I have enjoyed working on the committee and will look forward to their advice to the Town Board in the future. I have not been successful in locating a replacement, but will continue to try to obtain a 5th member from the Parkland Heights neighborhood so that the group can be diverse and have representation from all areas.

Sincerely,

Janet K Riggs
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Persons attending Town Bd Meeting 2-14-95

Greta Somerville

Pedro Rivera

Debra Luckman

David Luckman

Chester Richardson

Melanie Hoke - Wind Dance

Carol Dale

Greenville council delays sale of water utility

By MIKE MUDD
Tribune Staff Writer

Greenville's Town Council decided last night to delay signing a contract to begin negotiations on the long-awaited sale of the town's water utility.

At last night's council meeting, members of the town's water advisory committee recommended that the council sign the contract that would lead to selling the utility to Indiana-American Water Co., a public utility based near Indianapolis.

But the council decided to postpone discussion of the contract for two weeks because new councilman Ray Gibson wanted time to analyze the possible sale.

Gibson, a Greenville businessman, started his term on the three-member council last month, and said he's still trying to educate himself on the town's water issues.

Greenville has been looking into selling its water company since last summer.

"I just got on the board in January and I'm already bested with

stuff," Gibson told council and water committee members.

Greenville water superintendent Gary Getrost agreed and said sale negotiations with Indiana-American shouldn't be affected by a two-week delay.

"Ray (Gibson) has an obligation to get his feet wet," Getrost said. "Everyone, both us and Indiana-American, have put things off on this. So what time he needs to get more knowledge I don't think will hurt any."

Water committee members agreed

to have another advisory meeting within two weeks. Gibson said he hopes to attend that meeting and gather more information.

The council announced it will meet publicly in town hall at noon on Feb. 28. Bob Williams, the council's new president, said members will decide then whether to sign the Indiana-American contract.

Town business also has been slowed by the recent resignation of President Harold Hall, who left the council at the end of January. Hall resigned because he's moving from

Greenville to New Albany.

Janet Riggs, a real estate appraiser, will take over the vacant position. Riggs attended last night's meeting but will not be officially sworn in until the Feb. 28 public meeting.

Riggs said she's already familiar with the details of the water utility sale.

In other business, the council informally discussed increasing its number of members to five. All three members expressed general support of the idea.

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