



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOLDEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

January 2, 2024

Members Present:

Mr. Al West	Chairman
Ms. Kim Holger	Secretary
Mr. Doug Hayworth	Member

Guests Present:

Mr. Tony Lerda	Superintendent
Mr. Tucker Fletchall	Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Christie Reed	Financial Coordinator
Mr. Ray Briscoe	Mayor

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

There was a review of the minutes from the December 5, 2023, regular meeting. **Motion** by Ms. Holger to approve the minutes, Mr. Hayworth seconded the motion, Ms. West called for a vote. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Financial Report: **Motion** by Ms. Holger to approve the financial statement and pay the invoices, Mr. Hayworth seconded the motion, Mr. West called for a vote. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

OLD BUSINESS

WATER SYSTEM –

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

Mr. Lerda stated that there needs to be a focus on the issues at the water plant. There is a bearing and a gear drive that need to be addressed. These items run 24/7 and never turn off. They have been in operation since 1975. Mr. Lerda continued with the flow meter needing to be replaced, stating that it should be the last item on the list of damaged items from the lightening strike. There are filter valves, air lines and a flocculator motor that need replaced. A large bearing is going to possibly need the rental of a crane to be properly repaired or maybe the help of Gilcrest. The large sprocket will cost around \$15,000. Mr. Lerda concluded by reminding the Board that last year a clay valve was replaced and made a drastic improvement on the amount of water loss. The other 8" clay valve in the high service line still needs to be replaced and that cost is now up to around \$17,600.

SEWER SYSTEM –

STORMWATER PROJECT

Mr. Lerda stated the work is set to begin next week. Weather pending. The contracts are signed.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

There was a basement in town that flooded. It was determined that roots and commercial rags backed the system up, as well as the homeowner’s check valve malfunctioning. We cleaned and disinfected the homeowner’s basement and reinstalled the check valve properly. The issue with the commercial rags is being directly addressed with the business again.

Mr. Lerda stated that there are two mains that are high on the list of priorities to address, Lexington Street between S. 3rd and 4th and 14th Street north into the city field. Mr. Lerda said that all materials have been purchased for the job to be done at 14th.

NEW BUSINESS

RATES – Mr. Lerda reminded the Board that they decided not to do a large increase last year, just an incremental one and then wanted to revisit the subject after the first of the year again. He continued that the CPI in water and wastewater for November 2022 to October 2023 was 5.4%. Unfortunately, regulations are causing a large amount of costs in the industry, Mr. Lerda stated. The conversation concluded with Mr. Lerda working on an equation for a rate increase to bring to the Board for discussion.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None

With no further comments offered, a motion was made to adjourn.

MOTION by Mr. Hough to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hayworth, Ms. Holger called for a vote. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Meeting adjournment at 6:47 P.M.

Signed _____
Secretary

Date _____

