

The Thorntown Utility Service Board met with all members present. Present was Max Allen, Harold Cox, Steve Schenck, Gary Moody and Mike Adams of ISC.

There were no claims presented from the Clerk Treasurer for approval.

In other business, Max Allen stated he would be speaking to Clerk Treasurer Koren Gray about the CD's for electric and water invested at Home National Bank. Allen is interested in knowing the total amounts invested, dates of maturity and if he could re-invest them at Edward Jones for a higher interest rate. Harold Cox stated Allen would need to ask if there are any restrictions as to what the money can be invested in and the safety of the funds.

Allen also mentioned Aaron Smith, member of the Lebanon Utility Board would like to schedule a meeting with Allen, Gary Moody and Sandy Gates to ask questions and make comparisons between the 2 boards in the near future.

Harold Cox and Steve Schenk attended the workshop with the Town Council Members and Dax Norton on Saturday February 25th. Several topics were discussed but both Cox and Schenck said they both came away from the workshop feeling as if the Town Council has the final say on any decision any of the subsidiary boards may make. Cox also said it was mentioned that the sewer funds, which are currently under the control of the Town Council, control could be given to the Utility Board if they so wanted and asked. Max Allen stated he was not sure that was a good idea and wouldn't ask for the change anytime soon.

Mike Adams of ISC stated the new demand meter for the Truitt house with solar panels is on order. Adams stated they like to do their own inspection of the site, basically to make sure there will be no back feed of electricity with the use of the solar panels. The inspection is conducted by an engineer and a meter tech. Usually the inspection costs \$750.00 but Adams feels they will waive that cost this time since there was a mix up or confusion on the electrical conduit on the Jones project. He felt the costs would even out.

Adams also stated he felt ISC could help with an audit of pole attachments. He felt that would be beneficial to both the utilities and the communication companies that everyone was being treated and charged fairly.

Gary Moody submitted quotes from 4 different rate consultants to do an electric rate study. Krohn & Associates \$4,000 - \$6,000, Steve Brock \$8,000, Baker Tilly \$15,000-\$20,000 and Callahan Utility Consulting \$5,500 - \$6,500. Max Allen would like to take these quotes and ask Dax Norton if he is familiar with any of these before a decision is made.

Moody also reported the mobile hand held device used to read the electric and water meters is now obsolete. The new equipment and software will cost \$10,000.00 from Utility Supply. Harold Cox made a motion to purchase the new meter reading equipment, Max Allen second and all approved.

Moody would also like to attend a seminar in Indianapolis, the cost is \$100.00. He attends this every year and gains credit hours towards his water and sewer licenses. Harold Cox made a motion to allow Moody to attend, Steve Schenck second and all approved.

Moody also said Earl Parsons will take the test the first week of April to try and obtain his wastewater license. Once that is obtained, then he will begin working on his water license.

Moody stated there had been a water main leaking behind the Dollar General, which has now been repaired.

Accu Dig, the company running the cameras in the sewer mains notified Gary Moody of a problem they found on Church Street between Market and Pearl. Moody stated the pipe has settled and come apart and that will have to be repaired in the future.

There being no other business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.





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