

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Vice-chairman Bill Finney. Board members present were Peter Grant and Henry Schwartz. Also present were Dist. Engineer Tom Tye, Superintendent Vance Hubbard, Ass't Superintendent Randy Stark and District Clerk Carol Quinn. There were four visitors present, Marty Heim, Evan Schrenk, and Kevin Reilly and a representative of Emery & Sons Construction, Inc., Bill Martinak.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as printed.

Mr. Reilly asked the Board to consider a further adjustment of his water bill for the month of January. He lives at Berry Hill Farms and they had a large leak. Their normal bill at this time is 16,000 to 21,000 and for January 588,000 gallons went through. As soon as he was notified, he repaired the leak although it took a while to find it since there are water lines to a lot of the farm. Mr. Grant moved that the bill be adjusted to average. Mr. Schwartz seconded. Passed.

Mr. Schrenk came on behalf of Camp Crestview which had three pipes break during the cold that caused substantial damage to quarters as well as excessive water use. He requested the Board to consider further adjustment. They had 831,000 gallons go through and their average use at this time is 99,000 to 113,000. Mr. Schwartz moved the bill be adjusted to average. Mr. Grant seconded. Passed.

Mr. Heim requested the Board consider adjusting his bill also. He had a leak while he was gone on vacation. When he came home and found it, he fixed it right away. He was billed for 168,000 and usually used about 4,000 gallons. Mr. Grant moved that this bill be adjusted to average also. Mr. Schwartz seconded. Passed.

Letters were received from six customers who also had leaks and were requesting further adjustment. Tony Jacobs who used 133,000 gallons and usually uses 9-15,000 gallons, Springdale Tavern with 147,000 gallons to the usual 15-25,000 gallons, Mark Davis who used 214,000 to his usual of 3,000 gallons, Karen Smith for 45,000 gallons whose normal use is 9-10,000 gallons, Robert Holbrook who used 37,000 gallons whose average is 11-17,000 gallons; and Ron Bates who had 241,000 gallons go through before discovering his leak with normal use of 4-6,000 gallons. The Board discussed the letters and Mr. Grant moved that the bills be adjusted to normal and new adjusted bills be sent to the customers. Mr. Schwartz seconded. Passed.

Mr. Tye reported that 46 sets of specs had been sent out for bids on the District's Water Treatment Plant Construction. Nine bids had been received with the low bid being from Emery & Sons Construction, Inc. Mr. Finney moved that the low bid be accepted. Mr. Grant seconded. Passed. Board authorizes that the contract be signed and work to start right away.

Mr. Martinak presented some background information and references about Emery & Sons.

Mr. Tye presented a letter to the Board requesting a refund for some payment to J.L. Arndt Construction. There is some additional excavation that will be required before the treatment site is totally ready.

Mr. Stark was appointed Budget Officer. Budget Committee meeting will be next month at the regular monthly Board meeting on March 12.

Mr. Stark presented the Board with a spec sheet pertaining to the purchase of a new pickup for the District. After discussion the Board suggested that a full-sized pickup be bought rather than a mid-size. The radio- roof-mounted light bar, and extended cab were also discussed. The District will invite the dealers in the area representing various makes to bid with the bid opening to be next month at the regular meeting.

The District has been notified by the State Health Division that our customers must be notified of the presence of VOCs in our water even though they are below the maximum contaminant levels. Mr. Hubbard suggested that a letter be sent to all our accounts with this information along with an update on the status of the construction of the Treatment Plant. The district will prepare a letter and send it for review or criticism to each Board member before mailing it to our customers.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.