



December 22, 2020 – Superintendent’s Report

ADMIN UPDATE:

The Utility Management is seeking approval from the board to obtain appraisals to sell the old abandoned water plant located at 7750 Oaklandon Road. The anticipated cost to obtain at least 2 appraisals is +/- \$5,000. The Utility does not have any use for this building and it makes fiscal sense to sell it instead of continuing to pay for upkeep and maintenance on what is essentially a storage building that we do not need. Dan Zuerner, our Economic Development Director, will obtain the appraisals and take charge of selling the property. The proceeds of the sale will go to the Utility.

The Utility is seeking approval of the Agreement with IPTC (IndyGO) along with the two amendments to Task Orders 12 & 13 with Wessler Engineering. Both of these items are related to the Purple Line BRT project. The agreement with IPTC covers their paying for the relocation of potable water and sanitary sewer lines within the project areas along Post Road in Lawrence. The agreement also includes reimbursement of engineering fees to LU for our engineering costs associated with the preparation and submittal of utility work and relocation plans. The two amendments to the Wessler TO’s are to reference language that is required by IPTC with respect to indemnification and insurance, and also language that should be in all our standard agreements with respect to non-discrimination. We recommend approval of the agreement and the amendments in order to meet Purple Line target dates for the project.

The Utility is seeking approval of Change Order #3 for the Elmhurst basin Sanitary Sewer Rehab Project. This CO will reduce the project costs by \$50,000. This CO addresses complications related to construction of a new segment of line that the contractor pointed out in the field. Because of the constructability issues, we have opted to take an alternative approach, which will entail some modifications to the existing line, eliminate the new line and reduce paving costs.

Project Updates:

Brookhaven Water Main Replacement: we will be seeking a Change Order to address a sanitary sewer conflict that was discovered during the course of the project and which needs to be resolved. The engineer has completed the additional survey work and designed a proposed fix which we have approved. The Change Order paperwork was not ready in time for this meeting, but we wanted to update you on the status of this issue, which we have previously mentioned.

The Carroll Road Water Main Extension Project has been advertised and we will be opening bids on January 15 at 2:00 PM at the City Building. We hope there is a good response from the contractor end with multiple bids.

Design work is in full-swing with GAI Consultants for the Maple/Zoeller/Wallingwood Water Main Replacement Project.

Work is progressing very well on the Phase II/Contract A Water System Improvements Project and no major issues have arisen at this time. The Contract B water main replacements are in design.

The 52nd Street Elevated Storage Tank specifications have been completed and we are finalizing bid/construction timing so as to prepare to advertise that project as well. The plan is for a Spring 2021 construction.

The two new payment machines through Citybase are up and running. We are still awaiting installation of the cover for the outdoor unit, but it is fully functional.

CLAIMS EXPLANATIONS: None

Operational Data:

November Totals

SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM

- 26 Sanitary sewer lift station work orders completed.
- 6 Sanitary sewer grinder pump station work orders completed.
- 804.4 LF of sanitary sewer main cleaned.
- 2 Sanitary sewer possible blockage investigations performed.

LOCATES/LEAK LOCATING/VALVE TURNING/HYDRANT MAINTENANCE/INSPECTIONS

- 101 Water main valves exercised.
- 3 Water main shut outs performed for main repairs.
- 4 Water main leak investigations performed.
- 4 Project inspections performed.

WATER DISTRIBUTION

- 3 Water main breaks repaired.
- 6 Water service line meter pits installed.
- 8 Water service lines repaired.

WATER PLANT/WELL ACTIVITY

FHWTP

- M. E. Simpson Company calibrated the effluent flow meter.
- Winterized Wells.
- Coordinated with Peerless Midwest and IDEM to look at locations for test Wells to be drilled.
- Installed a new AED at the Pump House.

ILWTP

- Contractor sand blasted and painted filters E1 and E2.
- Winterized Wells.

RWTP

- Cleaned chlorine injection quill.
- Met with Wessler to discuss the SCADA system to do some “fine tuning” of the system.
- M. E. Simpson Company calibrated the effluent flow meter.
- Winterized Wells.

Oaklandon Tower

- Winterized the tower.

Winding Ridge Booster Station

- Repaired a wiring issue on Pump 2.
- Winterized the tank and control room.

52nd Street Tower

- Winterized the Control's building.

Misc.

- 51 Water distribution samples were collected and taken to an independent lab for testing.

BUSINESS OFFICE/SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Totals to be provided on October 27, 2020 Report

- 15,057 Active accounts.
- 1,111 Work orders completed.

BILLING ADJUSTMENTS:

- 4811 Charney Ave. – customer is requesting an adjustment in the sewer portion of the bill in the amount of \$338.22 due to a repair in the service line. We recommend approval.
- 6615 E. 47th St. - customer is requesting an adjustment in the sewer portion of the bill in the amount of \$390.19 due to slab leak. We recommend approval