

## REGULAR MEETING

Pursuant to notice, Fred Buckingham, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m., on August 8, 2024. Those in attendance: Fred Buckingham, Chairman; Beverly Matthews, Vice Chair; Angela Wirth, Finance Secretary; Micah Sarabyn, Project Manager; Lou Savka, Triad Associates; John Thurman, Maintenance Supervisor and Thomas Garrett, Maintenance; Darrin Garrett, Triad Engineering; Jennifer Hess, Counsel for the District; Steve Brock, Therber Brock, & Assoc., LLC; Ryan Heathco, Communications. Also in attendance were Christy Hayes, freeholder. Not in attendance was Mr. Jeff Wood, Director.

John Thurman provided the Maintenance Report. Inliner completed 10500 LF of cipp lining and SLB completed 200 feet of PVC. Mr. Thurman and Thomas Garrett replaced 12 old manhole lids with the new BDCD Sewer lids. Mr. Thurman asked Mr. Garrett if there was any additional information he wished to add and Mr. Garrett stated there was not. Mr. Buckingham thanked Mr. Thurman for his report. Mr. Buckingham asked if anyone had any questions or concerns; they did not.

Mr. Buckingham asked Mr. Savka of Triad to update the Board on the various projects being overseen by Triad. Mr. Savka presented the Board with a new pay claim to be approved from Inliner/SLB in the amount of \$407,740.50 as well as a new bill from Triad in the amount of \$33,250.00. A motion was made by Ms. Matthews to approve to approve the pay claim, Mr. Buckingham seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Savka discussed a collapsed sewer line near the manhole at Lynhurst and Ida. The segment will need to be replaced. At the next Board meeting Mr. Savka will provide a change order for this line to be repaired.

Mr. Savka stated the project for the westside development was on hold and that work would be completed near or around Mt. Olive Church.

Mr. Savka also mentioned he is working with Mr. Darrin Garret to put together a “best practices” as to what qualifies for a dig site/plumbing repair to be approved so all maintenance and office staff will know how to respond when a problem arises. He also noted that it may be in

Mr. Brock provided a financial report for the month ending July of 2024. Mr. Brock reminded the District the First Merchants Bond in the amount of \$2,500,000 closed on June 15, 2023. The Bond was used to pay off the original BAN, Televising projects, in the Bilmore Gardens area, including a cost for issuance. The bonds have a 4.38% interest rate and a 25-year loan term which began on January 1 of 2024 and will end of January 1 of 2048.

Mr. Brock updated the Board regarding the District and the SRF Loan and the work that the District subcontractors have completed. These improvements continue to be beneficial to freeholders as they reduce flows. As flows decrease, the amount of waste send to CEG decreases and the decreased flows help keep bills low for freeholders despite the CEG rate increases.

Mr. Brock will coordinate Ms. Wirth in August to provide figures for the DLGF and their review of the 2025 Budget. Mr. Brock provided the dates for the Budget and the deadlines for the Board to adopt the 2025 Rate Tariff, Salary & Budget resolutions to then be submitted to the DLGF.

Mr. Brock reiterated that currently, there is no need to increase the user fee for the 2025 billing year and suggested the ad valorem rate is expected to decrease as well. Mr. Brock also suggested a rate study be completed or provided to the residents and businesses so they may see how their monthly sewer fee compares to similar districts/conservancies.

Ms. Hess noted that she had not received a response from the Indianapolis Airport Authority regarding the June 13, 2024 proposal that she had sent regarding the IAA parcels within the District and the past due amounts allegedly owed under a prior agreement. She also noted that she would be following up with Joey Fox regarding his lobbying efforts for the coming year.

Mrs. Sarabyn collected \$25,875.40 from contract customers for July. The TRECS reporting is going well and Mrs. Sarabyn continues to submit weekly updates to the State each Tuesday. Business Liens are getting ready to be filed by month end or prior. Geospatial came


Mrs. Wirth reconciled the July Chase Bank and Bank 2 Accounts as well as the Trust Indiana Account. Mrs. Wirth has reports for the month of July providing interest earned and total monies collected. Payments continue to be made monthly on the 15<sup>th</sup> for the Principal and Interest to Pay Back BNY Mellon Bank for the SRF loan. Ms. Hess and Mrs. Wirth have been meeting with McGowan Insurance regarding benefits and Corey Foster. Mrs. Wirth continues to wait for McGowan insurance to finalize and approve the new pollution policy set to expire in August and will cover the District for three (3) years from August of 2024 into August of 2027. Mrs. Wirth worked with IPL, Zores and Wayne Township Fire Dept. regarding electric from 629 being pulled from the live lines and house conduit due to shrapnel hitting the lines. Power has been restored at 629 S. Tibbs. Mrs. Wirth has been providing Mr. Brock documentation from 2023 and is getting ready to work with Mr. Brock on the 2025 budget.

Payments continue to be made monthly on the 15<sup>th</sup> for the Principal and Interest repay BNY Mellon Bank for the SRF loan.

Mr. Heathco updated the Board on the use of the District website and stated there was an increase in usage of 43%. Mr. Heathco asked Ms. Sarabyn if real numbers can be provided for the billing regarding the actual online presence of our residence. It appears that more individuals are using the search engine and there have been over 700 visits in the last month. Mr. Heathco is trying to determine if the usage is from actual human users versus robots.

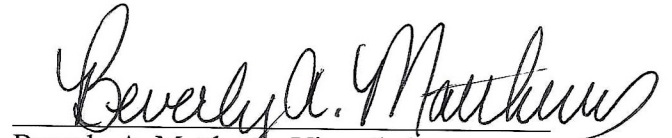
Mr. Heathco has also been working with Ms. Sarabyn regarding the Permit application process on the website and cleaning up several glitches. The online process is working correctly at the present time. Permits will also become part of the navigation bar.

Mr. Buckingham asked if anyone had any additional comments or concerns, they did not. Ms. Wirth stated the Board had June and July minutes to review and approve. Mrs. Matthews made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Buckingham seconded the motion. Motion passed. Minutes for June and July 2024 approved. There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Buckingham, Chairman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mrs.



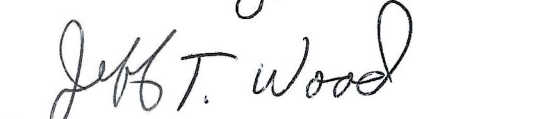
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Fred F. Buckingham, Chairman



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Beverly A. Matthews, Vice Chairman



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Jeff T. Wood, Director

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Angela Wirth, Secretary