

The Thorntown Utility Service Board met with all members present. Present was Max Allen, George Gideon, Mike McKenzie and Gary Moody.

The Clerk Treasurer did not present any claims for approval.

In other business, water customer Kathy Campbell was present to speak with the Board about her utility account. Campbell has been in arrears for some time and her water was disconnected when she failed to make a payment in the month of September. She paid \$200.00 on Thursday October 6<sup>th</sup> and told the Board she would be receiving some money from family members and would pay more on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Mike McKenzie asked her if she had applied with the Township Trustee for assistance. Campbell stated she had not for at least the past two years. McKenzie suggested she contact Tammy Lawson, Township Trustee to see if she qualified for any assistance. The Board stated she needed to make monthly payments, plus in order to get her bill caught up. Her water was reconnected on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> after she brought in the \$200.00.

The Planner for the Town of Thorntown, Oksana Polhuy was present to introduce herself and to discuss the possible upcoming development adjacent to Westwood subdivision. She was currently assembling a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and would like Gary Moody to be a member of the committee. Polhuy also stated the developer would like a letter from the town stating the capacity of the water and sewer services. Moody stated he thought an engineer needed to be consulted as he's not sure the current lift station would be big enough to handle an additional 150-162 homes. Also, the new construction at the sewage pond was to increase the capacity to an additional 250,000 gallons per day. So this one development may max out the lagoon once again. The jurisdiction over the electricity is still ongoing between Boone REMC and Thorntown Utilities. Polhuy also wanted copies of the maps for the water and sewer mains. Moody told her he would have copies made for her.

Max Allen stated the motion made at the last Utility Board meeting concerning the raises needed to be clarified. Allen made a motion that the \$2.50 per hour raise go into effect as soon as possible for Gary Moody, Earl Parson and Sandy Gates, also the weekend on call pay to be raised to \$100.00 per weekend. Mike McKenzie seconded and all approved. There is to be no increase for elected or appointed officials at this time.

Max Allen also commented the current distribution of pay is 40% electric, 30% water and 30% sewer. Allen made a motion to keep Gates and part time office help, Robin Osborne on this schedule and for Moody and Parson's pay to go 20% electric, 40% water and 40% sewer. Mike McKenzie seconded and all approved.

The contract between the Town of Thorntown and the IMPA Service Corp has been finalized by all attorneys. Allen stated he and Council President Sarah Fairfield would be signing and hopefully it would begin soon.

Allen also stated there is a chance Utility Board Member Mike McKenzie may be going off the Utility Board as he is running for Township Advisory Board. State law is being researched to see if he will need to resign from the Utility Board.

At the last meeting Max Allen brought up the idea of asking Brent Haag and Mark Davis if they would be interested in helping with the weekends on call. After discussing with the two, Haag said possibly, Davis said no.

Gary Moody would like to purchase a new camera for back at the burn pile at the pond. We now have electricity run and he would like to check with Doug Wilhoite of Lets Do Net for suggestions. The Board approved.

Moody also told the Board there were some other accounts that were significantly behind. They make a minimal payment with no attempts to catch up their balance. The Board stated they would be disconnected and they can also attend a Utility Board meeting to make payment arrangements.

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

  
  
George Gideon  
Utility Service Board