

UTILITY BOARD

January 4, 2017

6:25 P.M.

The City of Lawrenceburg Utility Board meeting was called to order by President Kelly Mollaun, Clerk-Treasurer Tyler Rainey read roll call. Present were Board members Mel Davis, Anthony Abbott, Aaron Cook, Randy Abner, and Paul Seymour Jr., City Attorney Del Weldon, Utility Director Olin Clawson, Mayor Kelly Mollaun, and Clerk-Treasurer Tyler Rainey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

Motion: Tony Abbott Second: Aaron Cook

Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Utility Director Olin Clawson had the following reports:

- The switch at Walker Substation is currently in operation. He said that the crews got the insulator installed and it is up and running.
- The turn-out for customer appreciation was great and he thanked the public.
- The Center Street project has been completed and that there will be a few things that will need to be addressed in the spring time. He said that Utilities is aware of the issues.
- The lights on Route 48 and Route 50 will be completed soon. He said that they have replaced a large amount of the lights already.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Del Weldon

Hutchinson Roofing Settlement

Utility Director Olin Clawson said that there has been an issue with billing since 2007. He said that he wanted to present this situation with the Board for a formal vote. He explained that Ted and Ed Hutchinson bought a building for a shop in Lawrenceburg and a transformer was switched out at that time. He said that the owners were never charged for the transformer or the

installation. He also said that the tariff on the billing was much higher than what it was supposed to be. He said that these customers were charged a much higher amount than what they were actually using. He mentioned that the Hutchinson's stated that they paid approximately \$50,000.00 more than what they were supposed to. He explained that the Hutchinson's would like to see \$20,000.00 paid back to them. Mr. Clawson stated that he wanted to inform the Board and is asking for a formal vote on the amount to be paid.

Board Member Mel Davis stated that the 2007 administration did not allow for the cost of the transformer to be paid by the customer. He also stated that at the time, the installation was free of charge. Utility Director Olin Clawson stated that he disagrees with that statement because he is unable to find any documents that support that claim. Mr. Clawson also stated that Utilities does not have to be sure that the tariff is correct on every bill. He said that the customer should be the one to make sure they are being charged correctly. Mr. Clawson also mentioned that the Utility Department is not allowed to gift a transformer or any equipment to a consumer. He stated that Utilities has an obligation to charge for the items.

Mr. Clawson said that recently the Utility Department has been checking every 3 phase account monthly as a courtesy, to be sure that they are on the right tariff. He stated that if they are not on the right tariff, the Utility Department voluntarily moves them.

(Lengthy discussion on cost of project)

Motion to approve a credit of approximately \$16,000.00 to Ted and Ed Hutchinson.

Motion: Aaron Cook Second: Tony Abbott

(Motion rescinded by Aaron Cook- Utility Director asked for an exact dollar amount.)

Member Paul Seymour Jr stated that he does not understand how the Board can treat one customer one way and another customer a different way. Member Aaron Cook stated that these customers have overpaid and we are trying to get money back to them.

Motion to approve \$17,060.71 to the Hutchinson's in the form of a check.

Motion: Aaron Cook Second: Tony Abbott

Roll Call:

Tony Abbott: Yes
Aaron Cook: Yes
Mel Davis: Abstain
Randy Abner: Yes
Paul Seymour JR: No

Motion carried.

Motion to approve all bills and claims once properly certified.

Motion: Mel Davis

Second: Aaron Cook

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Aaron Cook

Second: Tony Abbott

Motion carried.