

Minutes of the emergency Board of Education meeting held on Tuesday, August 2, 2011. The emergency meeting was called to order by the president at 5:03 p.m. The recording secretary called the roll. Present were Martenson, Hicks, Ottengheime, Konen, Sanderson, Boehne. Absent: Palombo

COMMUNICATIONS

The president asked if anyone in the audience had anything that they wished to present to the board. No one responded.

BUSINESS

Dr. Rockwood said that yesterday at 1:05 p.m. she received a phone call from Village of Waterman Engineer Norm Beeh regarding the intergovernmental agreement that was approved by the board of education but was not approved by the village of Waterman. The village attorney drew up a new agreement and the village needed an answer as to the Board of Education's approval of that new agreement by August 3. Mr. Boehne was called and Mrs. Konen, Mr. Boehne, and Dr. Rockwood met with village trustee Roger Bosworth and Norm Beeh last evening, August 1, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. They talked about the newly proposed intergovernmental agreement. The agreement that was created by the school district's attorney had attorney's fees included and if there was future construction by the school district that the village would be responsible for the expense of moving the storm sewer concrete pipes and replacing them with PVC pipes. The village of Waterman took issue with this. The agreement that is now in front of the board of education has none of those pieces in it. The plans are as originally proposed and the project is still running by the trees. The original plan had it running through a memorial sign but that has been changed so it won't disturb the memorial.

Mr. Boehne talked about the diagram. A 24" tile will replace the existing 12" tile. The project will head north with 12" cement tile. There will be 24" pipe on the corner that keeps going west and drains part of the town. There will be 12" pipe to Garfield 90 degrees to the west. The black circles on the map are manholes. The district takes responsibility of the tile for the storm sewer on our property but the village will maintain and repair it. If there is future hook-up on Oak Street with development, the school district has the right to say yes or no to the hook-up. There currently is no tile on Garfield Street. Future options show an arch where the tile line is and one possibility for the future is to not build on that area, but put a parking lot there. Any new school could be extended all the way to Walnut. The south side could be left alone or extended west. The total cost of this portion would be approximately \$25,000. This would be of benefit to the school district by draining the parking lot.

Dr. Rockwood said discussion at last evening's meeting included expressing a concern about the emergency meeting held on July 20, 2011. After that meeting the impression everyone had was that this first agreement approved by the Board of Education wouldn't be a problem for the village board. One person from the village spoke for the rest of the board members and stated that the agreement wouldn't be a problem. Then that same evening, the village board discussed the project, and it was voted that the project plans would remain as is and the district portion would be left entirely out of the project with

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the school district having to pick up the cost for digging and placing those pipes in the future. Both W.E.S. and I.C.M.S. are in a T.I.F. zone and Dr. Rockwood asked about the possibility of using funds from that fund for the school portion of the project. She was told that there is no T.I.F. money to apply for.

Mrs. Konen said if no agreement was reached, it would be on the school district's shoulders.

Mr. Hicks asked if the school district had to pay the \$25,000.

Dr. Rockwood said no, not right now.

Mrs. Konen said only if a building was put on that land.

Mr. Hicks asked if the flooding was hurting the operation of the schools.

Dr. Rockwood said she would check with Mr. Simpson and Mrs. Kennedy. She also reiterated that no one in the district had received anything in the mail about this project. Mr. Simpson had written a letter of support. Flooding on the grounds of the elementary school caused water to come in the north door. When Mr. Beeh came in the district on June 22, 2011 that was the first that the district officially knew anything about the project. Dr. Rockwood was also supposed to have received an email about the project and when she didn't receive the email, she called village hall. She finally did receive the email which was a copy of the application for the project grant.

Mr. Boehne said the only way to stop the flooding is to do a project like this. The school is in the lowest part of the village. If Garfield Street is redone and the curbs are done, it will slow the water down.

Mr. Sanderson said the lowest spot is also in the middle of the ball diamonds.

Mr. Boehne agreed that it was the driveway and the ball diamonds. At the ball diamond near Casey's there is also a manhole with 24" tile.

Dr. Rockwood said the village in their revised agreement didn't feel right about paying the district's attorney's fees and maintaining and repairing the pipes if the district decides to build.

Mr. Hicks asked what the worst case is for the district financially. Mr. Boehne said there would be no cost to the district unless a decision is made to expand or build near Waterman Elementary.

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Dr. Rockwood said if a decision was made to build on top of the project the cost would be to replace any pipe.

Mrs. Konen said this is a win/win situation. However, she wishes the village would have handled this differently. The process has been frustrating.

Dr. Rockwood said that if this project would have been presented to the board of education by the village before work began, all questions regarding the project would have been answered. It is a good project but having to have all of these emergency board meetings so that the village could continue their work has been frustrating.

Mr. Sanderson said he is also frustrated. He feels that the village of Waterman board basically did a 180 degree turn-around from the last meeting. It is a good project and we should go ahead with the agreement.

Mr. Boehne said it has been a huge learning curve for both sides. The project is good for kids.

Mr. Hicks said he hasn't looked at it but he doesn't have a good feeling about it.

Mrs. Ottengheime said to go ahead and she's tired of beating a dead horse.

Mr. Martenson said he has had a 180 degree change on this. He knew nothing about this until he saw the digging on school property. He's the one who called about this. He was first against the project but is now for it. He likes that the school district is in control of who hooks on. He is 100% for the project.

Roger Bosworth said he was surprised that some board members weren't aware of the water problem as there has been flooding there for years.

Mr. Hicks said he wasn't aware of any problems when he was the superintendent. No one had contacted him about any problems. None of the principals had said anything or he never got a call.

Roger Bosworth said there has been a problem for 40 years and he got tired of the water by the door of the elementary school.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Ottengheime to approve the intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Waterman as revised on August 1, 2011. Roll call vote:

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Martenson, yes; Hicks, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Sanderson, yes; Boehne, yes.
6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

Roger Bosworth said the village of Waterman will have a meeting on Thursday night and he doesn't see a problem approving the intergovernmental agreement.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Ottengheime that the meeting be adjourned. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Ottengheime, Secretary