

# Utility Rate Advisory Board

MEETING DATE: September 14, 2022

LOCATION: Pendleton Town Hall

100 W. State Street Pendleton, IN

TIME: 6:30 PM

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Jenny Sisson at 6:31 PM

II. Board members in attendance were Kyle Eichhorn, Jenny Sisson, and Tim Pritchard

A quorum was established. Individuals representing the Town were Town Manager Scott Reske and Attorney Evan McMullen via Zoom

### III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2022 meeting was made by Kyle Eichhorn and seconded by Tim Pritchard. The motion was carried.

### IV. OLD BUSINESS

No old business

### V. NEW BUSINESS

- Water Connection Fees  
Scott Reske began the meeting by handing out a spreadsheet of current water connection charges along with itemized fees with the suggested increase. Reske stated the last two water department supervisors under him had advocated for increasing the water connection (or TAP) fees because of cost. The last TAP fee increase was in 1998 according to Reske.
  - Current TAP Fees are \$600 for 5/8-inch meter, \$1,000 for 1 inch meter, and \$1,500 for 2-inch meter
  - Anything above 2in meter would be material cost + 15% and billing rate
    - Billing rate is based on an existing ordinance
  - Water Supervisor gave increase recommendations for \$ 3,500, \$3,900, & \$9,250
  - Waterworks Board felt the increase was needed. Reske stated the Waterworks Board would like to see a minimum of \$2,000, \$3,000, and \$9,000
  - Fortville & Lawrence have current rates of \$1,800, \$3,000, and \$9,000
- Reske stated these fees would not be for subdivision developments or for homes where there is already an existing water pit. These TAP fees would apply to empty lots that have

no meter. A TAP fee would not be charged on the first meter of an existing multi-unit home but any subsequent meters added would be charged. This would be a low volume of jobs.

- Reske explained the 15% added to materials is by town ordinance because of cost, admin cost, and price influx.

## **VI. APPROVAL OF TAP FEE INCREASE**

Kyle Eichhorn motioned to approve and Tim Prichard seconded the increase in tap fees as follows:

- \$3,500 for 5/8 inch
- \$3,900 for 1 inch
- \$9,250 for 2in
- Time & Material cost + 15% anything over 2in

Next regular meeting is October 12, 2022

Meeting was motioned to adjourn by Tim Prichard and seconded by Kyle Eichhorn. Motion was carried and meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM