

**Berne Storm Water Utility Management Board**  
**Wednesday, October 14, 2020**  
**Berne City Hall 12:00 noon**  
**Minutes**

Members present at City Hall; Ernie Steiner, Kent Liechty and Ron Sprunger along with Storm Water Board Director Shannon Smitley, City Attorney Dave Baumgartner, and Recording Secretary Becky Sprunger. Others present, Ben Adams Commonwealth Engineers; Clerk Treasurer Gwen Maller and Mayor Gregg Sprunger. An agenda was posted at the door.

Ernie Steiner called the meeting and verified a quorum.

**Approval of Minutes**-Ron Sprunger made a motion to approve the minutes of August 12, 2020 as written. Kent Liechty made the second. Motion unanimously approved. 3-0

**Approval of Claims** -The Board reviewed the Phase I LTCP Improvements -Contract "A"- Combines Sewer Separation Project, Payment Tabulation No. 6 for \$329, 687.53 from Brackney Excavating. Ben Adams, Commonwealth Engineers, City of Berne engineer, reported to the board that the majority of the new pipe has been installed as well as the pipe lining. The milling and resurfacing work should be complete by the end of October or first of November. Besides repaving Water Street, the impacted areas will also be milled and repaved including Franklin and Brown Streets to California Street; the alley from Hendricks to Jefferson and the alley off Hendricks Street.

Ben advised the board that in reviewing Claims A and B, Commonwealth found no issues with the claims and he advised the SWUMB to pay them as presented.

Kent Liechty made a motion to approve the Phase I LTCP Improvements -Contract "A"- Combine Sewer Separation Project, Payment Tabulation No. 6 for \$ 329, 687.53 from Brackney Excavating. Ernie Steiner made the second and motion was unanimously approved 3-0

Ron Sprunger made a motion to approve the WWTP/Main Street Lift Station Improvement project, Contract B payment Tabulation # 5 submitted by Cornerstone Stewards for \$142,310.00. Kent Liechty made the second. Motion unanimously approved 3-0

**Superintendent Report**

Ben Adams, Commonwealth Engineering handed the board members a map and quote on a Storm Water Improvement project on Hendricks Street between Poplar and Park Avenue. This is an area where the existing storm drains have never worked well and are now in bad shape and are no longer draining. Shannon explained the project to the board along with the Hendricks Street Storm Water improvements quote for \$120,500.00. The board asked if this project could be done this fall. In reviewing the budget for the Storm Water Board, Clerk Treasurer Gwen Maller advised the board that there is not enough money to do the project this year. Shannon advised the board that he hopes to bring this back to the board in the spring or summer for their approval contingent on funding. As was discussed, most if not all of the projects that were on the list this past spring have been done.

Because the next SWUMB meeting falls on Veterans Day and city offices will be closed, the board agreed to meet at noon on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at City Hall.

With nothing further to come before the board, and on a motion by Ron and a second by Kent, adjournment followed.