

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

Members present at City Hall; Ernie Steiner, and Kent Liechty along with Storm Water Board Director Shannon Smitley, City Attorney Dave Baumgartner, and Recording Secretary Becky Sprunger. Others present, Ben Adams Commonwealth Engineers; Shelly Love, with Indiana State Revolving Loan Fund; Clerk Treasurer Gwen Maller, Mayor Gregg Sprunger and Workforce Manager Kurt Daily along with Clint Anderson from the Berne Witness. Unable to attend, board member Ron Sprunger. An agenda was posted at the door.

Ernie Steiner called the meeting and verified a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

Kent Liechty made a motion to approve the minutes of July 8,2020 as written. Ernie Steiner made the second. Motion unanimously approved. 2-0

Approval of Claims

Ben Adams, Commonwealth Engineers, City of Berne engineer, reported to the board that the Combined Sewer Project is continuing at a good pace. Brackney has completed most of the pipe work on the project. The pipe lining contractor should be finishing that part of the project by the end of the month with restoration to follow with a completion date anticipated to be by early October. Work continues by Cornerstone Stewards on the WWTP & Main Street Lift Station Improvement project. They are beginning to rough in the electrical.

Ben advised the board that Commonwealth has reviewed both set of claims. Brackney for the Combined Sewer Separation project for \$ 467,361.32 and Cornerstone Stewards Engineering for the WWTP & Main Street Lift Station Improvements project for \$159,814.11. Ben reported that Commonwealth has found both claims to be accurate and recommends that the board approve paying them as presented.

Ken Liechty made a motion to approve Phase 1 LTCP Improvements-Contract "A"- Combined Sewer Separation Project, Payment Tabulation No.4, in the amount of \$467,361.32 for Brackney Inc. Ernie Steiner made the second and motion was unanimously approved. 2-0

Kent Liechty made a motion to approve Phase 1 LTCP Improvements -Contract "B"-WWTP & Main Street Lift Station Improvement Project, Payment Tabulation No.4, in the amount of \$ 34,675.00 to Cornerstone Stewards. Ernie Steiner made the second and the motion was unanimously approved. 2-0

Superintendent Report

Shannon updated the board on the culvert replacement on County Road 500 at the Habegger Ditch. The culvert outlets to the city's Sprunger pond. The county asked the city to share in the cost before the planned repaving of County Road 500. Shannon reported that bids were sent out to seven or eight contractors and two bids were received. VTF Excavating for \$ 37,600 and Fleming Excavating for \$39,387.10. When asked by Kent about the cost of the engineering, Shannon reported that the Storm Water Board is paying for that cost.

On a motion by Kent Liechty and a second by Ernie Steiner, the board unanimously approved to pay half of the cost of replacing the culvert based on the bid from VTF Excavating of \$37,600 and approve Storm Water share of \$18,800.000. Shannon reported to the board that he and Mayor Sprunger will attend the next County Commissioners concerning paying their half of the \$ 37,600 bid.

On a motion by Kent Liechty and a second by Ernie Steiner, the board unanimously approved the Notice to Proceed with VTF Excavation for the culvert replacement for the project. 2-0

Shannon reported that the ditch at South Adams Schools, which the board previously agreed to partner with the South Adams School in order to clean it out and improve drainage is now completed. The seeding has not been done and here is an agreement with the school of a 10% retainage. Shannon asked the board to approve payment to Dubach Excavating for \$ 13,500 and to invoice South Adams Schools their portion of \$ 5,742 for the shared cost. Ernie Steiner made the second and the motion was unanimously approved. 2-0

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

Next scheduled meeting, Wednesday, September 9th 12 noon.

