

**THE SEWER BOARD OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA,
HELD A BUDGET WORK SESSION IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY
ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12,
2019 AT 10:30 A.M.**

PRESENT: Ed Wilkinson, member and Nathan Grimes, member. Mayor Gahan, president, was not present.

ALSO PRESENT: April Dickey, Linda Moeller, Rob Sartell and Vicki Glotzbach

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Mrs. Moeller stated that the cover sheet on the 2020 budget is the same that it usually is with no changes and it goes through salaries for non-bargaining as well as the union people. She added that she customarily puts in the 2% increase for the board members.

Mr. Wilkinson asked what line item the board members' expenses are in.

Mrs. Moeller stated that she is not sure if it comes out of wastewater or sewer and will have to check and will send out an email before the next meeting.

Mr. Wilkinson asked if the increase on employee benefits was a standard percentage.

Mrs. Moeller stated that everything is standard and then reviewed the ordinance with the board.

SEWER BILLING

Mrs. Dickey stated that her budget is pretty standard with a few increases such as postage and recording fees for liens.

Mr. Wilkinson stated that it was three or four years ago that the county made a mistake on the lien check that was approximately \$40,000.00 out of whack and it ended up being incorporated into the refunds line.

Mrs. Dickey stated that the refunds line is for customers that have to be refunded for overpayments, etc.

Mr. Wilkinson stated that got added into to that \$68,000.00 so there is probably quite a surplus there and asked if that needs to be adjusted.

Mrs. Dickey stated that one year it was pretty low and they were going over the amount because there were so many refunds.

Mrs. Moeller stated that it doesn't go anywhere but just stays in the budget.

Mrs. Dickey explained that the lien check was late this time because they had to reissue it or they would've had to refund them again.

Mrs. Moeller stated that it is important that we recheck everything they do before cashing the check.

Mrs. Dickey stated that she took another set of liens down a couple of weeks ago that they are processing and it sounds as though they are on the right track now.

Mr. Wilkinson asked if the paper trail shows that we are getting the money.

Mrs. Dickey replied yes.

Mrs. Moeller stated that if anyone sees anything else, send Mrs. Dickey an email with your questions.

WASTEWATER

Mr. Sartell stated that his is pretty much the same as it was in 2019 with a few tweaks but nothing major. He explained that he increased the electricity budget by about \$100,000.00 due to the rise in rates and the wet weather that we have had. He also explained that the GIS software is changing so there will be about \$80,000.00 come out of line item 4312 but it is within budget.

Mrs. Moeller said that this budget has increased overall but feels it is due to the Squirrels and Uphill Run and asked if those two are budgeted items.

Mr. Sartell stated that those actually come out of the reserves.

Mrs. Moeller asked if they should be taken out of this budget.

Mr. Sartell replied yes.

Mrs. Moeller said that will take the budget close to what it was. She then said that if anyone sees anything wrong to let her know as well Rob and she's going to get the paperwork updated and then it can be voted on for approval at the next meeting.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Ed Wilkinson, Vice President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk