



TCU	\$812.50 (M's Credit Card)
Element	\$57.00 (Testing)
Apheus	\$124.95 (Computer-Annual)
Apheus	\$12.95 (Computer)
NAPA	\$13.34 (UPS)
Greenmark	\$687.67 (Tractor Repair)
Gasvoda	\$633.50 (Pump Repair)
Gasvoda	\$1572.60 (Replace Transducer)
Blachy, Tabor, Bozik	\$868.25 (Attorney Fee)
Indiana 811	\$78.85 (Quarterly Ticket Fee)
Webb Printing	\$139.00 (Envelopes)
IDEM	\$1,000.00 (Discharge Permit Fee)
NIPSCO	\$77.23 (Lake Pump)
NIPSCO	\$265.41 (Plant)
NIPSCO	\$625.82 (Lift Stations)
Century Link	\$55.95
Century Link	\$209.88

Vice Chairman Collura asked about the annual payment to Apheus and Director Broadstreet asked about the IDEM bill. Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the bills and Director Blais seconded. Motion carried.

**Engineer's Report** – Engineer Nagai was not present but Attorney Lowe mentioned that he was communicating with Purdue and he and Engineer Nagai were working on getting Purdue more information needed.

**Rate Study** – Chairman Novello stated that Jeff Rowe from Umbaugh had sent out an updated study and Chairman Novello believes this rate study is ready to be approved. He will be putting together an announcement for the property owners alerting them of the rate change. Attorney Lowe commented that the study had to be approved by the Directors as an amendment to the rate ordinance. The ordinance would be introduced at the April meeting and the public hearing would be at the May meeting and then the Board would decide about adopting the ordinance. There was discussion about Bielava's Campground and Purdue's rates being changed also with the new structure. Vice Chairman Collura asked about pole barns being included in the rate structure. Attorney Lowe responded that specific language needed to be included in the structure concerning pole barns or other buildings with discharge capabilities. Vice Chairman Collura attended the BLPOA meeting in February and he informed those attending that the BLCD sewer charges would probably drop by 1/3 of the current rate. Audience member Bob Molinsky stated he had pulled the Culver ordinance and couldn't find anything about the number of bathrooms in it. Director Blais responded that there are 2 sewer districts in Culver and the other one pertaining to Lake Maxinkuckee is the one with the number of bathrooms in it.

**6047 S SR 10** – Dennis Estok inquired about the waiving of the tap-on fee for his property since it was being disconnected from an adjoining property. Director Broadstreet stated that the tap-on fee had been waived by the Board as monthly payments had been made for almost 20 years.

**Info Sharing with BLPOA** – Vice Chairman Collura has been communicating with Rick Anderson, President of BLPOA, about BLCD membership. The BLPOA requested a list of all

BLCD users and Vice Chairman Collura responded that BLCD is a government entity and cannot provide that list. Attorney Lowe stated that Vice Chairman Collura did the correct thing. Office Assistant Gappa asked about identifying a property when someone called for that information. Attorney Lowe suggested she tell them to check with the county for that information. Director Blais remarked that they can find that information on the Starke County GIS website.

**Tom Jordan's Report** - Plant Manager Jordan stated that the work at Beach and Pine Streets should be done this week. The estimates for the alarms for the lift stations have been received and B.L. Anderson is at \$48,000 and Flow Tech at \$34,000. He will visit a Flow Tech site this week and an Anderson site next week. Vice Chairman Collura inquired about a strong cellular signal and Plant Manager Jordan responded that he has service from all the stations on his cell phone. O Lift Station at Western and CR 210 needs the lid to be raised. He will have more information at the next meeting about O Lift Station. Vice Chairman Collura asked about the ADT alarm at the shop and Plant Manager Jordan replied the alarm on the shop door had to be serviced. Director Broadstreet asked if the smoke test had been done and Plant Manager Jordan replied that he is working on it.

**Attorney's Comments** – Attorney Lowe stated that he would continue to work with Engineer Nagai on the waste water agreement that is being proposed with Purdue on the research facility. He has an initial draft of the amended sewer rate ordinance and he will send that to the Directors tomorrow.

**Office Assistant's Comments** – Office Assistant Gappa stated that two new accounts had been set up. She received notice from GIS about cyber risk and Chairman Novello said he would take care of it. There is a former owner who owes \$39.10 but she has no contact number to try to collect it. Chairman Novello made a motion to waive the fee, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried. She will be out of the office on Wednesday.

**Comments from the Board** – None.

**Comments from the Audience** – Audience member Ken McCormick asked about the noise problem at Lift Station M when a car drives over the lid as it is raised above the street level. Plant Manager Jordan replied he will have it looked at to see if it can be fixed. Audience member Lena Johnson asked about the murkiness of the lake. She stated people are getting rashes after being in the water. Director Broadstreet replied that only 13 acres are to be sprayed this year for weeds and in years past many more acres were sprayed. The state regulates how much of the lake can be sprayed and the spraying does not cause rashes. Mrs. Anderson reported that her grandson had gotten rashes a couple of times last summer after being in the lake. Vice Chairman Collura stated that rashes should be reported. There was much discussion about the condition of the water.

Director Blais made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting is at 6:00 p.m. on March 20, 2017 at the BLPOA building.