

City of Franklin

Minutes of the Board of Works and Safety

City Hall
55 W. Madison St.
Franklin Indiana 46131

Friday September 21, 2001 @ 6:00 P.M.

Presiding Officer:	Mayor Norman P. Blankenship	
Members Present:	Mr. Stephen D. Houglan	
Members Absent:	Mr. Joseph R. Ault	
Non-Voting Members Present:	Mrs. Janet P. Alexander	Clerk Treasurer
	Mr. Rick Littleton	Wastewater Utility Superintendent
	Mr. Jerry Ott	City Engineer
	Mr. Robert H. Schafstall	City Attorney
	Mr. Joseph M. Csikos	Planning Department Staff Planner

Mayor Blankenship lead the Board in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. No one from the media was present.

FRANKLIN TECH PARK SEWER PROJECT

Mayor Blankenship asked Mr. Ott, the City Engineer, to provide an overview of the project. Mr. Ott summarized his recommendations from his report, "Preliminary Feasibility Study Franklin Tech Park Sanitary Sewer Service Draft". The report outlined three options for the City. Mr. Ott stated that in his opinion the most cost effective solution would be Option #3. Mr. Ott also suggested that the City could recover some of its' expenses by assessing a fee beyond the normal connection fees to recapture some of the capital expense. The following table is an excerpt from the report.

Option	Capital Cost	O & M Cost	Total	Acres Served	Cost Per Acre
1.	\$235,000.00	\$466,000.00	\$701,000.00	360	\$1,950.00
2	\$544,000.00	\$466,000.00	\$1,010,000.00	360	\$1,800.00
3	\$1,567,000.00	0.0	\$1,567,000.00	4,760	\$330.00

* O & M = Maintenance cost for the existing State Street Lift Station a cost of \$9,320.00 a year for 50 years.

Mr. Joseph Csikos the Staff Planner stated that the Planning Office reviewed the options outlined and recommends Option 3. Mr. Csikos stated that the third option addresses several City goals and policies, and provides the greatest long-term benefit and development opportunity to the City.

Mr. Rick Littleton Superintendent of the Wastewater Treatment Plant stated that he concurred with the Mr. Ott's report. He also stated that he prefers Option 3. Mr. Littleton submitted a letter from the Johnson County Health Department supporting the proposed project.

Mr. Jeffery W. Birk, CPA of Birk, Gross, Bell, & Coulter, an accountant hired by the City to review the Sewage Utilities finances, stated that the utility has sufficient net operating reserves to pay for this project without outside financing and without increasing user rates. Mr. Birk suggested the Board could recover the capital costs with an assessment to future users.

Mr. Houglan stated that he favors Option 3 and would like to proceed as if the Board has selected Option 3, but bid out both Option 3 & Option 2, in light of current events (terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and Washington D.C. and the decline in the Stock Market). Mayor Blankenship agreed with Mr. Houglan and stated that in light of recent events he supports Option 3. Mr. Houglan seconded by Mayor Blankenship, made a motion to bid Options 2 & 3. Motion carried

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled Date: 9-24-01
Approved by Board of Works:

Date

Norman P. Blankenship, Jr. Mayor

Date