

MINUTES OF THE WALDO WATER & SEWER UTILITY BOARD
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2017

The meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Law and was called to order at 8:11 p.m. (immediately after the conclusion of the Village Board meeting).

Present were Gary Dekker, Mark Spitz, Chris Madgwick, Jerome Hammarlund. Trustee Mike Hintz was absent. Also present were Bruce Neerhof, John Port and clerk Michelle Brecht.

The Minutes of May 8, 2017 were reviewed and approved after a motion by Mark Spitz and a second by Chris Madgwick.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Of note were three new account changes. At the direction of the Board, President Dekker and Michelle Brecht met with Waldo State Bank and made the changes. The Report will be filed with these Minutes. In brief, a new account was started to save up for the water tower repairs and painting, the former "Debt Service" account was emptied and two certificate of deposits were purchased. It is anticipated that \$7000.00 per year will be added to the water tower fund. The c.d.s are for 5 years at 2.12% interest. A copy of the Minutes and the Treasurer's report will be filed with the c.d.s at the Waldo State Bank and in the office for future reference.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report: Mark Spitz. Seconded: Jerry Hammarlund. Approved

The monthly vouchers were reviewed. Several annual bills were represented this month including: billing software contract \$735.00, DNR water use fees \$125.00, DNR environmental fees \$630.45 and Wisconsin Rural Water Association membership \$350.00. Motion to approve checks 8370-8383 for a total of \$12,661.42: Mark Spitz. Seconded: Chris Madgwick. Approved.

Bruce Neerhof gave the following report on Utility Operations:

- All DNR permit limits were met for the Wastewater Plant
- The experiments with the Greasezilla product continued. It looks like we can use this product for 7 to 8 months of the year and keep our phosphorus limits as well as our FOG under control. During the most stringent limit months the other phosphorus component will need to be put in play. We will be compliant with the 2021 phosphorus level limits.
- The excessive grease at the wastewater treatment plant is being addressed. We are working with a local restaurant. We will be providing them 2 months of direction and our preferred grease products to use on site. It is anticipated that they will save money on grease removal costs and the lines to the treatment plant will be kept cleaner; saving the Utility money on jetting costs. It should be a win-win for us both. After 2 months of use, if the testing shows the difference, the restaurant will be billed monthly for the product (at cost not Village profit).
- Dead end water mains were flushed in May
- 2016 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) was completed and certified with the DNR. This Report is available for any resident to examine. It describes the water quality.
- 2016 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) was completed. The wastewater treatment plant received one "B" this year (due to excessive influent FOG loadings). All other criteria received an "A". This is why the Village Board needed to pass Resolution 2017-04 showing what the Utility has resolved to do to improve the "B" rated criteria.
- The water tower will no longer overflow when fire trucks are filled at the firehouse (Hooray!)
- Great Lakes TV & Seal began jetting sewer lines this week. They will also televise on Wednesday; looking for possible leaks in the system.
- The concern about Excel.net cables being anchored along the water tower ladder was addressed. After consulting with Lank Tank (the inspectors) and Excel. net. , it was decided that the cables can stay until the Tower has its next inspection/repair and painting in 2021.

Approved 7-10-17

There was no correspondence.

Updates:

- Chris Madgwick asked Michelle if she thought we should look into providing online bill pay. She said that she has investigated it but feels the added cost to residents isn't worth the change. She will keep an eye on it, though.
- Bruce shared that there is a new technology for removing phosphorus. Teresa, Wisconsin is going to adopt it. They are about 3 times the size of Waldo. It will cost them 1.5 million dollars to implement this technology. Our path looks even rosier in comparison to this dollar amount.

Motion to adjourn: Mark Spitz. Seconded: Chris Madgwick. Adjourned 8:43 p.m.