

MINUTES OF THE WALDO WATER & SEWER UTILTIY BOARD
MEETING OF 8-8-16
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Law. Michael Hintz chaired the meeting in the absence of President Schneider who had a work conflict. The meeting was called to order at 7:27 p.m. immediately following the Village Board meeting. Present were Trustees Hintz, Mark Spitz, Dennis Reinemann and Scott Wolfert. Also present were John Port, Operator in Charge Bruce Neerhof and clerk Michelle Brecht.

The Minutes from July 11, 2016 were reviewed and approved after a motion by Dennis Reinemann and a Second by Mark Spitz.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved after a motion by Mark Spitz and a Second by Scott Wolfert. Of note was the better than usual influx of water bill payments in July. The Report will be filed along with these Minutes.

The monthly vouchers were reviewed. Mike Hintz commented that the new plant is less expensive to run than the old one and it is always nice to see lower monthly voucher totals. A motion to approve vouchers #8262-8275 for a total of \$7390.77 was made by Dennis Reinemann and Seconded by Scott Wolfert. Motion Approved.

Bruce Neerhof presented reports on utility operations and lab results. The lab reports will be filed with these Minutes. He had very optimistic news regarding the pilot project being used to lower phosphorus effluent. There are still 5-6 weeks left in the project, but the preliminary labs show phosphorus levels well below the future limits being predicted by the DNR. When the project is done he will be preparing a detailed report for the DNR and will share it with the Board. Hopefully this is the answer and Waldo can work toward implementing a permanent program.

Bruce also shared that the water tower had its five year inspection last week. They said that it was generally in good shape. There is some minor welding repair needed from ice damage. The new mixer is going to prevent that kind of damage now. The vent is not up to Code as well. It can be replaced when the next draw down occurs. The exterior and interior paint should be okay for a few years. The best paint for durability is the aluminum paint that we currently have on the Tower. It can be re-coated up to 12 coats. It was recommended that we keep doing it for durability and because the primer very likely has lead in it. We need to be careful to not let the paint job go too long or we will have to tent the Tower and sand blast it. They recommended budgeting for the paint job. It will cost \$70,000.00 in today's dollars to paint the interior and exterior of the water tower.

Bruce also shared that he has completed the DNR required CMOM report that was due August 1 CMOM stands for Capacity Management Operation Maintenance. It is a document required by the DNR that addresses seven elements. The elements range from emergency procedures for sanitary sewer overflows (SSO), to plans for maintenance of the sanitary sewer collection. It also needs to show documentation of trying to reduce infiltration and inflow (I/I). The DNR requires you to have this document and they will look at it during inspections or if a SSO is experienced. If the Village were to need to have this report "farmed out" for completion, it would cost at least \$5000.00. Bruce is capable of doing it and willing to do it as part of his responsibilities as our Operator in Charge.

There was no correspondence to share.

During public comment water tower overflowing during fire department drills was brought up. When trucks demand water it sends a signal to the tower that the water height needs to be corrected. By the time they are done filling, the false signal has the tower overflowing. It has been a problem for years. Bruce shared that there is a different type of sensor that can be installed. Some discussion about options was voiced. It will be an item for another agenda. Motion to adjourn: Mark Spitz Second: Dennis Reinemann. Adjourned 8:05.

