

**MEETING MINUTES
WALDO WATER & SEWER UTILITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2019**

1. President Gary Dekker called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. ; immediately following the Village Board meeting. In attendance were Trustees Jerry Hammarlund, Chris Madgwick and Mike Hintz. Trustee Mark Spitz was absent. Also in attendance were Bruce Neerhof, Michelle Brecht, Karen & John VanEss, and John Port.
2. The meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.
3. The Minutes of the September 9, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved after a motion by Chris Madgwick and a second by Jerry Hammarlund.
4. Bruce Neerhof gave a report on Utility Operations and lab results. It included:
 - On October 2, 2019 the area received at least 4.5 inches of rainfall. This led to a overflow from the treatment plant wet well. The DNR was notified and required publication was made. Several other communities had the same trouble. Bruce tested and the BOD and TSS levels still would have been within limits. It was basically clear rain water in the overflow.
 - Lab report graphs were shared. All wastewater permit limits were met in September
 - Very low disinfection byproducts were in our recent water testing-thinking that the water tower mixer is helping that happen
 - Memorial Hall has an old (unused) well that needs to be abandoned
 - Phosphorus Report: RE300 order is setup for next summer. Testing with this product is going well in Arpin, Wisconsin. (Another community with a sand-filter system like ours. Bruce is advising them.)
 - Water Tower property expansion update: The owner wants to wait until he sells the farm to his son in a few years. He doesn't want to deal with it now.
 - Two Recirculating pumps from location 1-A sent into Crane for warranty repairs or replacement.
5. The old (unused) well at Memorial Hall needs to be abandoned. Bruce asked Eberhardt Plumbing to inspect it and give a quote for the abandonment. The seal and abandonment will cost \$1713 and, if the Board chooses, they will make it below grade for an additional \$500. Mike Hintz asked if there would be any way we should keep it for emergency purposes. Bruce shared that the capacity wouldn't serve the community in an emergency. It would also have to meet DNR codes and testing and that wouldn't be cost effective. Gary shared that he felt it was important to make it below grade so that mowing wouldn't be a challenge and that it wouldn't pose a trip hazard at a public building. Mike Hintz made a motion to hire Eberhardt Plumbing to abandon the Memorial Hall private well and make the well below grade for a cost of \$2,213.00. Seconded by Jerry Hammarlund. Approved.
6. The Disbursements were reviewed. Of note were checks for treatment plant loan payment, and the Commercial Cross Connection inspections done by Aqua Backflow. Motion to approve checks 8662-8674 for a total of \$30,328.98 was made by Chris Madgwick and seconded by Jerry Hammarlund. Approved.
7. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved after a motion by Mike Hintz and a second by Chris Madgwick.
8. There was no utility correspondence to share.
9. Public Comment: John Port questioned the utility being responsible for the cost of the well abandonment. He feels it should be a village responsibility. Michelle will re-check with the accountant. Chris Madgwick asked if any of the "extra" Capital improvements money could be used from the Village for this abandonment if it is truly a village cost. Michelle will ask the accountant.
10. Motion to adjourn: Mike Hintz. Seconded: Chris Madgwick. Adjourned at 7:10 p.m.