

MINUTES OF THE WALDO WATER & SEWER UTILITY BOARD  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

1. In the absence of President Gary Dekker, Trustee Mike Hintz called the meeting to order at 6:42. In attendance were Trustees Mike Hintz, Jerome Hammarlund, Chris Madgwick and Mark Spitz. Also in attendance were clerk-treasurer Michelle Brecht and Utility Operator in Charge Bruce Neerhof.
2. The meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.
3. The Minutes of the November 9, 2020 meeting were reviewed. There were no changes from the copy previously emailed to the Board members. Motion to approve as presented: Chris Madgwick. Seconded: Mark Spitz. Approved.
4. Bruce Neerhof gave an update on the lead/copper water sampling that was recently completed. There was one anomaly in this year's sampling. The level of copper was greatly exceeded. He repeated the sampling, and the level of copper was way below the limit. It should be noted that the homes that are used in these samplings are the same homes that have been used for numerous years. There have never been any troublesome levels of lead or copper detected. The DNR required that water quality testing be completed from two points in the distribution system and the well. Samples were taken from the wastewater plant, village hall and the well. All samples taken tested normal for lead, copper and eleven other water quality tests. The DNR corrosion form was filled out and the reason for copper exceedance was explained as an improper sampling. Bruce was hopeful the issue could be put to rest. Unfortunately, that is not the protocol; especially after the lead poisoning in Flint, Michigan. As a result, it appears that 20 more samples will need to be done in 2021; in 2 rounds of testing. More residences will need to be added to the sampling list as well. Inventories of the residents' plumbing will need to be taken as well as a significant increase in Bruce's workload. The same situation just happened in our neighboring Village of Cascade. As this is beyond his current contract, he requested \$1500 to cover an estimated 40 hours to handle the administrative and sample collection for lead and copper. Mark Spitz asked if he was confident that this amount would properly cover his additional workload. Bruce felt it would be sufficient. Motion to approve an amendment to Bruce Neerhof's Operator in Charge contract to include \$1500 for 2021 lead and copper testing was made by Mark Spitz. Seconded by Chris Madgwick. Approved.
5. Bruce than shared a Utility report for November. It included the following items:
  - All wastewater permit limits were met. A graph of the labs was presented.
  - A public education flyer and letter about the copper sampling was sent to all residents.
  - Water tower overflow discharge pipe is completed. Next summer they will make a concrete spillway as a permanent solution.
  - New enzyme and bug juice program started at WWTP for grease and sludge. The lift station looks great.
  - Fine screen has been put into winter mode.
  - Alarm system was updated with Energenecs' assistance
  - Generator transfer switch was adjusted to protect the Variable Frequency Drive when the generator "kicks in". The transfer switch will now have a brief delay to protect the VFD.

6. The vouchers were reviewed. There were no unusual expenditures. Motion to approve checks #8832-#8841 for a total of \$8,297.81 was made by Chris Madgwick. Seconded by Jerry Hammarlund. Approved.  
The Treasurer's Report included and overview of 2020; with particular notations regarding the Accounts Receivable and delinquent utilities protocols. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Chris Madgwick. Seconded by Mark Spitz. Approved.  
Michelle also shared a report on the Private Wells in the Village. There's been a good response from the community. Eight wells have been properly abandoned this year. A couple more are scheduled to be done. Three have been inspected and permitted. There's still a handful of people who have not responded at all. At this time there's no penalty for non-communication or cooperation. The Board decided to address this in 2021. Perhaps a fee should be added to the Code Fee Schedule.
7. There was no correspondence to share.
8. There were no updates from the Board.
9. There were no public comments.
10. Motion to adjourn was made by Chris Madgwick. Seconded by Jerry Hammarlund. Adjourned at 7:13.