

MINUTES OF THE WALDO WATER & SEWER UTILITY BOARD
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

1. The meeting was called to order by President Gary Dekker at 7:23 p.m. In attendance were President Dekker, Trustees Chris Madgwick, Jerome Hammarlund, and Mike Hintz. Absent was Trustee Mark Spitz. Also in attendance were Bruce Neerhof, Michelle Brecht, Jenny Bunnow, and newly elected Trustee Steve Bunnow.
2. There was certification that the meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.
3. The Minutes of the March 8, 2021 meeting were approved after a motion by Mike Hintz and a second by Jerry Hammarlund.
4. The Handheld radio meter reader has reached its technology life expectancy. It can no longer be supported. The board reviewed information on an upgrade. The current "Trimble Handheld" will be traded in for a \$500 rebate. Using the laptop, we purchased with CARES funds, Midwest Meter, Inc. can install the necessary software to use the DPW laptop to do the task of meter reading. A special antenna ("External Receiver") will need to be installed on top of the DPW truck. Both Mike Kitzerow and Michelle will need 4 hours of training. This much of the upgrade will cost \$4,650. The Reading Software Agreement with Midwest Meter will cost an annual fee of \$600. This fee is comparable to what we currently pay for annual Trimble support. The entire upgrade package will cost \$5,250. Motion to approve the Midwest Meter, Inc. meter reading upgrade package as described in the quote for \$5,250.00 was made by Mike Hintz. Seconded by Chris Madgwick. Approved.
5. Bruce Neerhof shared reports on Utility Operations and Lab Results. It included the following:
 - All wastewater permit limits were met. Graphs were presented to support these reports.
 - The first round of lead and copper samples have been taken. The results are not back, yet. The next rounds will be in July and Dec.
 - Influent flow meter was re-calibrated by Energenics.
 - The water overflowed. It was discovered that the pressure tank piping was clogged with scale. It cleaned up well. They will know what to look for in the future.
 - Recirculating pump 4A was replaced. The new spare had arrived the day of this meeting.
6. The monthly disbursements were reviewed. Of note was check #8880 for \$148,513.26 to the Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund. This is the principal and interest annual payment on the treatment plant loan, due May 1st each year. The Village pays 35% of this payment and Utility pays 65%. The Village payment is paid to the Utility and was approved at the meeting prior to this. The next payment will come before the board in October and will be an interest only obligation. Once again, the Village will pay 35% and the Utility 65% for a total of \$11,512.85. Chris Madgwick made a motion to approve vouchers #8868-#8880 for a total of \$156,433.78. Mike Hintz seconded. Approved.

The Treasurer's Report gave account balances, billing detail and a breakdown of the year's loan payments. It also showed that we have \$5,875.13 needed to meet the sewer depreciation account goal for 2021. This should not be difficult to do because utility bill payments are consistently coming in. Chris Madgwick made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Jerry Hammarlund. Approved.
7. There was no correspondence.
8. Public Comment: Steve Bunnow asked for clarification regarding the easement to the water tower. Mercury.net has been using his driveway to get back to the water tower. They should be using the neighbor's driveway. Bruce will contact Mercury.net. Bruce also shared that when the water tower overflowed due to the clogged pipe, they were able to see how the drainage was being dealt with. Dean Buelke was able to adjust the drainage pipe to divert 95% of the water to the farm field.
9. Motion to adjourn: Chris Madgwick. Seconded by Jerry Hammarlund. Adjourned at 7:47 p.m.