

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Commissioner Buschke with the following roll call:

Members Present: Commissioners Engel, Pasbrig, Lodahl, Buschke and Alderpersons Smith
Members Absent: Alderpersons Frings and Commissioner Guse
Others Present: Nichole DeBaker; Courtney Steger, Greg Droessler, P.E. with Town & Country Engineering and Tim Gutjhar

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Courtney Steger read in for 604 Breckenridge St regarding faulty flapper and valve. Requesting a sewer reduction. Commission stated we do not adjust billings when sewer is being treated.

CONSENT AGENDA**Minutes of August 3, 2021. Water Utility Bills, Wastewater Bills.**

Motion by Commissioner Lodahl, second by Commission Pasbrig to approve the consent Agendas for August 3, 2021. Motion passed 5-0.

PRESENTATION BY GREG DROESSLER OF TOWN & COUNTRY ENGINEERING REGARDING WELL AND FILTER REHABILITATION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION.

Greg Droessler presented a water System Needs Assessment regarding all 4 Wells and options for how funding could look like.

Motion by Commissioner Lodahl, second by Commission Engel to move forward with recommendation on option C, to replace all of Well #4 and to move forward with all 4 well projects in an effort to maximize grant opportunities and to complete the report for DNR Submittal. Motion passed 5-0.

WATER REPORT**Well & Distribution System Report/Discussion**

- As of today, 139 lead service replacements have been completed, or 65%. The Methodist Church & Rotech, two denied under grant funding have been donated by Town & Country and are now complete.
- I passed the water distribution test and have a license for water. I have 2 more tests to complete for full licensure.
- The sanitary survey was completed and included in your packet. The significant deficiency is on today's agenda as an action item. Other listed deficiencies have been corrected or are in the process. I have an emergency operation plan in draft form including mutual aid agreements sent to both Horicon and Lomira for approval.
- I've reached out to WRWA regarding developing a wellhead protection program as listed in the survey. Having this documentation also adds to our scoring when applying to DNR loan and grant programs. WRWA responded that they can develop what we need for us and without a fee. This should be in spring with the current backlog.
- I have completed, but not yet submitted SWDLP ITA/PERF for the lead service lines we are replacing on our side. One item that adds 10 points to the preferential scoring is completion of the Utility Management course offered by Moraine Park and WI DNR. Two commissioners have completed this to date, and we would need half of the governing body to complete to receive the funding points for this.
- Our 3% rate increase was approved by the PSC for water. The total bill for this filing was \$69.10. The average residential billing is estimated to increase by \$0.60 to \$0.80 monthly.

WASTEWATER REPORT**WWTP & Lift station Report/Discussion**

-On 8/8 we had to bypass to heavy rain. I was out of state at the time and Tim took care of all the reporting. Crews were ready and bypassing was minimal. Flows from Leroy Kekoskee were about 100,000 gallons more than average. It has been brought up that we need to work on planning for I/I with them alongside our efforts.

-We discovered raw flow channel alarms were disconnected from our SCADA system at some point. L.W Allen came to repair these connections. Previously high flow alarms came when the wet well was at high capacity. The incoming channel alarm should buy us more time in a flood emergency situation.

-A manhole on South St. will be repaired tomorrow morning. The structure is in very bad condition and in a heavy industrial traffic area.

- Visu-Sewer completed prep work for lining on Riverview Heights. The lining is expected to be completed in October.

-The laboratory position was posted on industry websites and indeed today.

- We also had a wastewater inspection with Doris on 6/3. The plant itself remains within permit compliance, but mercury and chlorides are trending upward. All industries, medical and dental facilities have been surveyed for mercury. The CMOM mentioned in the report is being revised as well. She pleased to see facilities planning and I/I efforts.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CORRECTIVE ACTION TO WATERTOWER AIR GAPS

Discussion held regarding DNR recommendation for Water Tower Air Gaps.

Motion by Commissioner Lodahl, second by Commissioner Pasbrig to approve DNR recommendation to weld air gaps. Motion passed 4-1.

Gutjhar and Droessler left 5:35pm

CLOSED SESSION

Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to Section 19.85 (1) (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Motion by Commissioner Pasbrig, second by Commissioner Lodahl to go into closed session at 5:35 pm. Motion passed unanimously

Discussion and possible action regarding DNR Operator Certification Testing Pay Scale

Motion by Commissioner Pasbrig, second by Commissioner Lodahl to reconvene into open session at 6:14pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Lodahl, second by Alderperson Smith to put wage scale into 2022 budget. Motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alderperson Smith, second by Commissioner Engel to adjourn at 6:15pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Nichole DeBaker, Utility Accountant