

Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners
Monday, July 13th, 2010
12:00 P.M.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Paul Adamski, Jim Cooper, and Mae Nachman.

ALSO PRESENT: Kim Halverson, Brenda Thomas, Gary Kuplic, Eric Niffenegger, Rob Molski, Jaime Zdroik, and Angel Gebeau of AECOM.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCE: Eugene Tubbs

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Carl Rasmussen

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I. ADMINISTRATION

1. Approval of minutes of the June 14th, 2010 meeting.

Motion made by Jim Cooper, seconded by Mae Nachman to approve the minutes of the June 14th, 2010 Water & Sewage Commission meeting.

Ayes all. Nays none. Motion carried.

II. ACCOUNTING

2. Consideration of claims for the Water and Sewage Treatment Utilities.

Paul Adamski presented the statement of claims for the Water Utility for June. The balance as of June 1st, 2010 was \$1,320,058.93; the bank deposits recorded in June 2010 were \$553,193.50. Checks issued since the June 14th, 2010 meeting numbered 44112 through 44159 were in the amount of \$461,132.63. Checks numbered 44160 through 44185 for \$68,622.81 were presented for action on July 12th, 2010. The net balance on hand June 14th, 2010 was \$872,271.28.

Motion made by Jim Cooper, seconded by Mae Nachman to approve the Water Utility claims for the month of June 2010 as audited and read.

Ayes all. Nays none. Motion carried.

Paul Adamski also presented the statement of claims for the Sewage Treatment Utility for June. The balance as of June 1st, 2010 was \$5,147,571.48; the bank deposits recorded in June 2010 were \$938,963.03. Checks issued since the June 14th, 2010 meeting numbered 27607 through 27645 were in the amount of \$1,348,641.90. Checks numbered 27646 through 27660 for \$21,827.95 were presented for action on July 12th, 2010. The net balance on hand July 12th, 2010 was \$4,563,973.86.

Motion made by Paul Adamski, seconded by Jim Cooper to approve the Sewage Utility claims for the month of June 2010 as audited and read.

Ayes all. Nays none. Motion carried.

III. WATER OPERATIONS

3. Report on water distribution operations.

Rob Molski and Gary Kuplic reported on the status of the Water Street project. Services have been installed from the railroad tracks up to Matilda Street. They are laying main line water main up to the intersection of Whiting Avenue then they will go back to do the services and storm sewer. They are also working on curb, gutter, sidewalks and aprons. The project is currently running on schedule and they should have the road open for Brews, Brats and Bands.

The crew is working on taking some of the homes off of temporary hookup and placing them back on to their own services.

The water operations report was distributed and reviewed.

A total of 273 valves have been operated in 2010.

4. Report on water supply operations.

Our pumpage in June was 190,871,000 gallons, a decrease of 15,975,000 gallons of water from June 2009. We had over four inches of rain in June and July is already over five inches.

5. Report on Well 11.

Kim stated the construction of the laterals is almost complete. They completed the last lateral this week. They have to develop the screens and then the construction of the well will be done. They will then move on to the pump testing. Chet's Plumbing tested and inspected 47 of the 57 private wells in the Town of Hull that surrounded Well 11 to get a database of their pump depths etc. The plans for the treatment facility and the mains are at the D.N.R. They will review them next month and final plan approval should be received in late August. Then they will go out for bid in September with the contract being awarded in October. S.E.H. will be submitting an amendment for additional engineering fees because of having to move the building due to issues with the soil. Ranney will be submitting a change order for approximately \$48,500 for valve stem risers and test well abandonment. Those will be covered under the ARRA grant monies.

If any of the Commissioners are interested in visiting the Well 11 site they can contact Kim. Best time to view it would be within the next two weeks.

6. **Report on winning the American Water Works National Water Taste Test.**

The Commissioners congratulated the Water Department on winning the American Water Works National Water Taste Test award.

Paul said he didn't know how many more accolades they can give for winning this award then the newspapers, radio and television stations already have but congratulations.

Kim said it is now North America instead of National Water Taste Test because Canada was there. Kim said this is truly a team effort. We have a very cohesive group of employees.

IV. **SEWAGE TREATMENT OPERATIONS**

7. **Report on Collection System Maintenance.**

Rob stated everything is going well and the crew is doing an excellent job.

The sewer report for the month of June was reviewed by the Commission.

Paul asked about why some communities have overflows in large rain events and we do not. Kim contributed it to good maintenance of the collection system and fixing manholes that are in disrepair.

8. **Report on sewage treatment operations.**

Eric stated the plant is running well. Eric also stated they are installing new rubber membranes to replace the old ceramic diffusers. There are 3,250 of them. They are already seeing improved efficiency with the new membranes verses the ceramic diffusers. So there should be a substantial savings. Once the new blower is in place they could see a savings of 40 to 50% in electric cost.

B.O.D. (3.97 ppm), Phosphorus (0.793 ppm) and Suspended Solid (4.62 ppm) limits were met for the month of June 2010.

The next Water & Sewage Commission meeting will be on Monday, August 9th, 2010 at noon.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mae Nachman to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes all. Nays none. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED
12:17pm

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PAUL C. ADAMSKI, PRESIDENT