

City of Stevens Point Meeting Minutes

Board of Water and Sewage Commissioners

Monday, August 10, 2009, 12:00 p.m. PRESENT: Paul Adamski, Eugene Tubbs, Jim Cooper, Mae Nachman and Carl Rasmussen.

ALSO PRESENT: Kim Halverson, Brenda Thomas, Eric Niffenegger, Jaime Zdroik, and Pat Planton of S.E.H.

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I. ADMINISTRATION

1. Approval of minutes of the July 13, 2009 meeting.

Motion made by Eugene Tubbs, seconded by Carl Rasmussen to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2009 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 July. The balance as of July 1st, 2009 was \$1,653,720.40; the bank deposits recorded in July 2009 were \$903,893.49. Checks issued since the July 13th, 2009 meeting numbered 43273 through 43312 were in the amount of \$545,254.12. Checks numbered 43313 through 43345 for \$85,031.42 were presented for action on August 10th, 2009. The net balance on hand August 10th, 2009 was \$1,927,328.35.

Motion made by Mae Nachman, seconded by Jim Cooper to approve the Water Utility claims for the month of July 2009 as audited and read.

Ayes all. Nays none. Motion carried.

Paul Adamski also presented the statement of claims for the Sewage Treatment Utility for July. The balance as of July 1st, 2009 was \$1,010,033.38; the bank deposits recorded in July 2009 were \$620,329.40. Checks issued since the July 13th, 2009 meeting numbered 26976 through 27006 were in the amount of \$118,704.74. Checks numbered 27007 through 27028 for \$50,760.28 were presented for action on August 10th, 2009. The net balance on hand August 10th, 2009 was \$1,460,897.76.

Motion made by Jim Cooper, seconded by Eugene Tubbs to approve the Sewage Utility claims for the month of July 2009 as audited and read.

Ayes all. Nays none. Motion carried.

III. WATER OPERATIONS

3. Discussion and action on bid for Well 11.

Pat Planton of S.E.H. explained that we received only one bid for the Well 11 project. The bid came in at \$2,337,350.00 from Ranney Collector Wells. There are essentially only two companies that build collector wells, Ranney Collector Wells and a company based out of Europe. That company has done a limited amount of work in this country. Pat feels that the company out of Europe probably did not bid due to the ARRA requirements for the made in America provisions.

The bid received was 11% lower than the projected cost of \$2,625,000.

Paul questioned the difference between the horizontal collector well and the alternatives. Pat explained that geology and geography both play a role in the type of well built. Horizontal collector wells are typically built around large river valleys. It would take three or more vertical wells to get the comparable capacity to one horizontal collector well.

Paul would like to view the Well 11 site.

Kim recommended that all of the Commissioners view the well site while it is being constructed.

Pat Planton believes construction will probably start one month from now.

Pat explained the reason there are so few companies that build horizontal collector wells is due to the fact that there just aren't that many horizontal collector wells drilled. There are only so many parts of the country where a horizontal collector well can be drilled.

Paul requested the Commissioners be provided a monthly spreadsheet of the expenses paid out for the Well 11 project.

Pat Planton explained that based on his experience he feels Ranney's bid was competitive.

Motion made by Mae Nachman, seconded by Jim Cooper to approve the bid from Ranney Collector Wells in the amount of \$2,337,350.00 pending an award from the Wisconsin Department of Commerce.

Ayes all. Nays none. Motion carried.

4. Report on water distribution operations.

Kim stated that the Industrial Park Road/Patch Street projects are underway as of today. The Fourth Avenue Project is going along well. They are currently between Frederick Street and Grant Street.

The water operations report was distributed and reviewed.

A total of 262 valves have been operated in 2009.

5. Report on water supply operations.

Our pumpage in July was 252,311,000 gallons, an increase of 13,262,000 gallons of water from July 2008.

IV. SEWAGE TREATMENT OPERATIONS

6. Report on Collection System Maintenance.

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

Kim stated the Collection System Crew has been working hard and getting a lot done. The crew will be working from 4:00 a.m. to noon this week because they are doing work on Main Street.

7. Report on sewage treatment operations.

A memo from Eric to the Commissioners included in the meeting packet explained the cost of the biosolids hauling has been reduced by \$3,000 per event due to switching haulers.

Biosolids hauling will be starting sometime this week depending on the weather.

B.O.D. (2.62 ppm), Phosphorus (0.466 ppm) and Suspended Solid (3.29 ppm) limits were met for the month of July 2009.

The next Water & Sewage Commission meeting will be September 14, 2009 at noon.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Eugene Tubbs to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes all. Nays none. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

12:34 p.m.

BOARD OF WATER AND SEWAGE COMMISSIONERS

EUGENE TUBBS, SECRETARY

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