

SEWER AND WATER COMMISSION MEETING

BERLIN, WISCONSIN

March 28, 2018

Dewhurst called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. Present – Commissioners Dewhurst, Beard, Erdmann and Youngbauer. Absent – Roethel.

Also present was Jim Lehr, Jodie Olson, Supt. Malnory and Peggy LaBuda.

The next item on the agenda was minutes from the February 21, 2018 Meeting and the March 13, 2018 Special Meeting. Beard moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2018 Meeting and the March 13, 2018 Special Meeting. Erdmann seconded the motion, which was carried by voice vote.

The next item on the agenda was the vouchers for February. Youngbauer moved to approve the vouchers between #13998 through #14039. Beard seconded the motion, which was carried by voice vote.

The next item on the agenda was public appearances/correspondence. Of which, we had no public appearances or correspondence.

The next item on the agenda was Old Business. Of which, we had none.

The next item on the agenda was New Business. Beard stated that due to the recent article in the Berlin Journal in regards to fluoridating water – he would like for us to do our own press release after a meeting about fluoridation.

The next item on the agenda was the discussion only on the Ordinance for replacement of Private Lead Services. Malnory stated that this Ordinance will give the City authority to replace lead services to the house, not just the property line. The Ordinance and the bids have been approved by the Common Council.

The next item on the agenda was the superintendent report.

- Pump Thickener – The Piston Pump that we have had for 35 years failed and the parts are expensive. We cannot be without this pump for a long time, so a new one was ordered and will be here to about 2 weeks.
- Grants for Individual residents for lead service replacements – Talked with Wendy our DNR

Water Engineer and she said that at this time nothing is available for people. Also, there are not housing programs available either unless they have unsafe elevated lead blood levels. So, the only thing available is our special assessments if they use our contractor.

- Cross Connection Control – We received a letter from General Engineering and our contract with them is up. The rates have increased, so we will try to negotiate a new contract with them.
- Street Project update – Talking to Brian Parker, he said that they would be starting in early June and maybe have some residential work done before then by the subcontractor. Ideally, he would like to see the lead lines and sewers from the residents brought to the city side before they start so that they can just hook up as they go along.
- Lead Line Replacement – In talking with Brian Parker, he would hire a subcontractor to do the work as part of the street project. The subcontractor would burst the lines in and pull in a new sewer lateral if they choose. It would not cost a lot of extra per foot to pull a sewer and water service at the same time. The subcontractor would contact the homeowners individually.
- New employee – Our new employee to work with Peggy as second Utility Clerk is Linda Lien. Linda is slated to start at the end of April.

Youngbauer moved to convene in closed session pursuant to state statutes Sec. 19.85(1) (f), to considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations (discuss recent utility personnel concerns). Erdmann seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in four (4) ayes, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent. Motion carried.

Beard moved to seat Jim Lehr for the closed session discussion, seconded by Youngbauer. Motion carried by voice vote.

Beard moved to seat Jodie Olson for the closed session discussion, seconded by Erdmann. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion continued in closed session.

At 4:49 p.m. Youngbauer moved to reconvene into open session, seconded by Beard. Motion carried

by voice vote.

Next meeting date is scheduled for April 25, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Youngbauer moved to adjourn, seconded by Erdmann. Motion carried by voice vote.

Peggy LaBuda

Secretary