

SEWER AND WATER COMMISSION MEETING

BERLIN, WISCONSIN

May 24, 2017

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

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

The next item on the agenda was minutes from the April 26, 2017 Meeting. Beard moved to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2017 Meeting. Jensen seconded the motion, which was carried by voice vote.

The next item on the agenda was the vouchers for April. Beard moved to approve the vouchers between #13571 through #13604. Roethel 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. Of which, we had none.

The next item on the agenda was discussion on the 2016 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report. Jensen moved to approve the resolution and send to Council. Dewhurst seconded the motion, which was carried by voice vote.

The next item on the agenda was the superintendent report.

- Lead Sampling – The DNR is requiring that we go through our lead sampling sites and update them so that is what we have been doing. We need 20 Tier I sites and they can't have water softeners or copper pipes. We will then start sampling in June.
- Ice Pigging – Dick Sobieski & I went to a demonstration in Horicon to watch an under the river sewer line being cleaned with ice. We need to do some water and sewer maintenance on our river crossings and thought this might be a safe alternative rather than trying to clean with the traditional pigs that sometimes get stuck in the lines.
- Pipe lining in place – Dick Sobieski & I also went to a demonstration of pipe lining. They use

a poly spray to fix any cracks, root problems or infiltration in sewer lines or to just reline a water main. After it is dry, it is very strong and it is like having a pipe inside a pipe. This might be a good liner to put in some of the sewers that need to be repaired that are not on the street rehab list for the City.

- Retirement of Jim Schedgick – Jim was our DNR Representative who retired on May 17<sup>th</sup>, he was replaced with Wendy Anderson.
- Sludge Hauling – Went well and completed in 1 ½ days. The paint on the secondary digester is still looking very good.
- Sludge Pump – The new sludge pump worked very well and took a lot of time out of pumping.
- Generator – We ordered a new generator for Webster Street Lift Station and it is not what we were expecting. It is made very cheaply with a lot of plastic parts and is just not the same quality that we have gotten from them in the past. I have met with 3 representatives and they were going back to the factory to see what they could do for us. I have not heard anything back from them, but will continue to work on this.
- Manhole Rehab on Pearl & Park – The City of Berlin is doing a mill and overlay from Pearl St. thru to Noyes St. The manhole at Park is an old brick one that needs to be replaced or rehabbed.

Roethel moved to convene into closed session pursuant to state statutes Sec. 19.85 (1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (Discussion of merit increases for specific Utility personnel). Jensen seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote. A roll call vote resulted in (4) ayes, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent. Motion carried.

Jensen moved to seat Jim Lehr. Beard seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Discussion continued in closed session.

Dewhurst moved to reconvene into open session at 5:30 p.m. Beard seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Jensen moved to allow the Utility Superintendent to provide base-building merit increase of 0-2% in lieu of a non-base-building merit bonus for 2017 for those employees worthy due to recent educational licensing accomplishments. Beard seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 4:30 P.M.

Dewhurst moved to adjourn. Roethel seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Peggy LaBuda

Secretary