

SEWER AND WATER COMMISSION MEETING
BERLIN, WISCONSIN
March 27, 2019

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

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

The next item on the agenda was minutes from the February 20, 2019 Meeting. Youngbauer moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2019 Meeting. Erdmann seconded the motion, which was carried by voice vote.

The next item on the agenda was the vouchers for February. Beard moved to approve the vouchers between #14560 through #14604. Youngbauer 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 the update on Street projects. Malnory stated that the contractor wasn't ready to do the preconstruction meeting yet, but he did include a construction schedule.

The next item on the agenda was the update on the generator. Malnory stated that it has been ordered and scheduled for April 22nd for the transfer switch and April 29th for the generator.

The next item on the agenda was the update on the purchase of the phosphorus analyzer. Malnory stated that they still need get back to him with a price.

The next item on the agenda was the superintendent report.

- Flooding – Malnory stated that the river went up to 15 feet. We are having issues with streets and basements flooding due to the high river. We also have a problem line behind the river block. Even with the floor drains plugged and sandbagged we still have a lot of infiltration coming from the sewer lines.
- Main break – Malnory stated that on March 4th, we had a main break on S Washington St. The break was small so it was hard to find. After pounding through 5 feet of frost, the break wasn't there. We did find it about 25 feet from where water was originally coming out of the terrace.

- Plant Flow – Malnory stated that due to the river flooding and the increase in infiltration from our flow to the Wastewater Treatment Plant went from 700,000 gpd to 2.5 million gpd. The plant is handling it, but we did need to make some adjustments with the alum and the palmer tank.
- Cumberland Street Lift Station – Malnory stated that we are having problems at the lift station with rags building up and plugging up the pumps. We have the guys unplugging the pumps almost every day and we do have a combined sewer in that area where the guys had to pull a rubber dog bowl out of one of the pumps. We will have to do some smoke testing when the river goes down so that we can find where the problem is in the system.
- Muffin Monster – Malnory stated that this is the grinder installed in the manhole before the flow goes into the Cumberland Street Lift Station. We installed this about 18 months ago, but it doesn't seem to be grinding the rags up properly. We have contacted the company and because it was still under warranty, they will be sending us a whole new grinder with a different stack of teeth to try to fix the problem. This will be at no cost except for the installation.
- Audit – Malnory stated that the yearly audit is done and the Public Service Commission report will be sent this month.

The next meeting was scheduled for April 24, 2019.

Beard moved to adjourn. Erdmann seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Peggy LaBuda
Secretary