

SEWER AND WATER COMMISSION MEETING
BERLIN, WISCONSIN
January 22, 2020

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

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

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

The next item on the agenda was the vouchers for November and December. Youngbauer moved to approve the vouchers between #14934 through #15026. Erdmann seconded the motion, which was carried by voice vote.

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

- Lindsey Eierman, resident of Berlin – she stated that she would like the City to continue adding fluoride into the water and felt that it is a win for public health.
- Dr. Russell Dunkel, Wisconsin State Dental Director – he stated the benefits of continuing to add fluoride in the water and felt that it is essential to the young children in our community.
- Kathy Munsey, Green Lake County Public Health Dept. – she stated the need to have fluoride in the water to benefit those that can't afford regular dental visits.
- Kathy Munsey, Green Lake County Public Health Dept. speaking for Dr. White – Kathy read a letter from Dr. White, dentist in Berlin stating how important it is to have fluoride in the water as an additional preventive against tooth decay.
- Robbyn Kuester, Wisconsin Dept. of Health Services - Robbyn stated that the City of Berlin has had a long and rich history of adding the fluoride in the water and would like to see it continue due to the importance and added benefits that this provides.
- Dr. Cynthia Fisher and Dr. Abigail Puglisi, Community member of Berlin representing ThedaCare – Both these individuals spoke on the importance of adding fluoride to the water especially for the younger children
- Linda Jorgensen, Wisconsin Dental Hygienists Association – Linda stated the importance of the fluoride in the water, not so much for the older people, but the benefits for the younger children going forward.

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

The next item on the agenda was the discussion on Fluoride. Discussion continued. Beard made a motion to have Brian provide at the next meeting a breakdown of cost, parts and who is going to do it, basically all of the facts. Youngbauer seconded the motion, which was carried by voice vote.

The next item on the agenda was the superintendent report.

- Private Lead Service Funding – Malnory stated that there might be funding available in 2021. Malnory filled out a survey to see which program best meets our needs in getting lead lines done in 5 years depending on the construction projects.
- PFAS – Malnory stated that this is becoming a pretty big issue, not only with the water but with the wastewater also.
- Update on SCADA Upgrade – We have L.W. Allen working on this, but it is still in the Engineering phase.

The next meeting was scheduled for February 26, 2020.

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

Peggy LaBuda

Secretary