

Village of Whiting Utilities Committee Meeting

Minutes: May 5, 2009

1. Roll call. Meeting called to order by Chairman Hoppenrath at 5 PM. Kim Hoppenrath, Will Lehner, Mike Daniels, Paul Stroik and Frank Krush present. Also present: Jeff Schlegel, Matt Saloun, Jerry Walters and Peter Hansen and Jeff Galbraith of EACOM.
2. Persons wishing to address the Committee.
3. Review of April meeting minutes. The April 7, 2009 meeting minutes were reviewed. No additions or corrections were noted.
4. Update on Wastewater treatment Facility. Oxidation ditch, all RAS pumps, mixing basin, and new clarifier operational. New control center also installed and operational. Some groundwater still seeping into the basement and being monitored.
5. Update on water system project. The 4/30 funding application deadline was met. The estimated construction cost has increased to approximately \$650,000 but 100% of the project qualifies as a "green" project and the grant potential has increased to 50% of project costs. Currently the project is #17 from the top to the list of grant potential projects. Because of concerns with connecting a potable with non-potable water source, the project was modified to be a swap of wells with New Page. The village would get the New Page well #2 and New Page would get village well #7. This approach is cleaner but will require the purchase of a new generator. The plan would be to use an older generator from the WWTP, which is sized properly, and purchase a new generator for the WWTP.
6. Update on utility position. Nick Schmeiser started as scheduled on 4/16/2009. He is scheduled to take 3 water exams and 1 wastewater exam to begin the licensing qualifying process this week
7. Update on abandonment of wells on Neenah Paper property. The closing of the property purchase should be completed next week. It was determined that village employees are authorized and will do the abandonment of the wells on the property.
8. Discussion/possible action re multiple vouchers. Motion made by Stroik, seconded by Krush to recommend payment of current multiple vouchers to the Village Board. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
9. Discussion/possible action re stipend for utility employees. Motion by Krush, seconded by Stroik to continue to pay the stipend through the last pay day in May and to be discontinued after that payment. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
10. Agenda item 10 Operation and Maintenance Report.
 1. The Wastewater Treatment plant and Village Water System did meet all requirements for the month of April 2009
 2. Village of Whiting pumpage = 11,724,000; Treated = 9,191,236; Raw = 2,532,764
 3. New Page pumpage #1 – 23,743,296; #2 – 25,711,843; #3 – 23,368,704; Total 72,823,843
 4. K.C. pumpage – 30,826,524
 5. Continue with WWTP construction
 6. Straight wire #1 raw sewage pump

7. Fill oxidation ditch with potable water (4.5 days to fill)
 8. New assistant system manager Nic Schmeiser started 4/16/09
 9. Meet with AE Com and New Page personnel to discuss well #2 and #7
 10. Turned water on at JoJo's restaurant
 11. Sent in water samples from New Page well # 2 as requested by AE Com
 12. Work with AE Com on sygem design for New Page #2 and #7
 13. Matt S and Nic at Madison with L W Allen from control training (1 day)
 14. Replaced (1) water meter at 1915 School street (meter froze in basement)
 15. Start up seasonal UV disinfection
 16. Sewer back up complaint at 715 Jacobson St (Home owners lateral)
 17. Drain aeration basins and relocate activated sludge to the new ditch
 18. Shut down old raw pumps, activated sludge pumps & communitor for final time
- Motion made by Daniels, seconded by Lehner to approve the O&M report as presented. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
11. Correspondence
 12. Such other matters as permitted by law.
 - Rodney Sobczak, 425 Verrill street, requested an adjustment to his water and sewage treatment bill for the 1st quarter of 2009 because of frozen pipes at his residence which burst while he was on vacation. Because he would have turned off his service when he went on vacation but left it on with the water running at village request, the committee was receptive to doing an adjustment to his bill. Motion by Daniels, seconded by Lehner, to base his utility bill on the same time period for the previous year. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
 - Dan Peskie construction has requested to connect a village of Plover property to the village of Whiting system. Apparently the village of Plover has at least orally supported the request due to location of the property. President Walters, upon formal written request from Plover, will attempt to secure approval from the Stevens Point Advisory committee before this committee will take any action.
 - Will Lehner spoke to the committee to express his appreciation and say his official good by and as this is his last meeting. Chairman Hoppenrath, on the committee's behalf, expressed his thanks to Will for his many years of service.
 13. Adjourn and tour WWTP. Motion made by Stroik to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM

Frank Krush
Recording Secretary