

MINUTES

**TOWN OF YORKVILLE
SEWER UTILITY DISTRICT COMMISSION
TOWN BOARD ROOM
UNION GROVE MUNICIPAL CENTER
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017**

Call to Order

Sewer Utility District Commission President Peter Hansen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

The following Sewer Utility District Commission members were present: Peter Hansen, Sherry Gruhn, Terrence McMahon and Leo DeBrabander. Also present were Dan Schaefer representing Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH), Racine County Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Jenny Trick, Sewer Utility District Manager Gary Hanson, Engineer Mark Madsen and Clerk-Treasurer Michael McKinney.

Approval of Minutes

Motion (Gruhn, DeBrabander) to approve the May 16, 2017 Sewer Utility District Commission meeting minutes as presented, MC.

Approval of Sewer Utility District Financial Reports

Motion (DeBrabander, McMahon) to approve the May Sewer Utility District financial reports as presented, MC.

Approval of Sewer Utility District Invoices

Motion (McMahon, Gruhn) to approve Sewer Utility District invoices as amended in the amount of \$36,706.51, MC.

New and Unfinished Business – Discussion and possible action on all of the following:

Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) presentation on the Yorkville Sewer Utility District's Final Compliance Alternatives Plan for Phosphorus

Hanson noted that this report is due to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources by June 30. Dan Schaefer presented an update on the Yorkville Sewer Utility District's Final Compliance Alternatives Plan for Phosphorus to the Commission. He outlined the potential costs of various long-term sewer treatment plant alternatives, including taking no action, making upgrades to the existing sewer treatment plant or connecting to Racine's or Union Grove's sewer treatment plants. He noted that Wisconsin received a multi-discharger variance for phosphorus in February from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for ten years. He stated that a variance application would be submitted with the new discharge permit application due this year. Hanson noted that this variance gives the utility more time to investigate possible methods to reduce the phosphorus levels in the utility's effluent. Schaefer stated that the existing basin at the treatment plant could be used as a pre-treatment equalization basin if the sewer treatment plant were to be expanded.

Jenny Trick discussed the difficulties in attracting potential occupants to the remaining open space in the utility district, given that any water-intensive use could put a significant strain on the sewer treatment plant. Hanson stated that any proposed development needs to be carefully evaluated to ensure that it does not create too large of a burden on the sewer treatment plant. He noted that any improvements to the sewer treatment plant would likely involve a two-year planning and approval process and a two-year construction process. He stated that more developers now request that municipalities bear the cost of connecting their development to water and sewer infrastructure, whereas developers usually absorbed those costs in the past.

No formal action was taken by the Commission on this agenda item.

Annual commercial sewer service charge update

Hanson noted that this year's commercial sewer sampling program has started, adding that commercial sewer service charges will be updated after sampling has been completed.

No formal action was taken by the Commission on this agenda item.

Sale of truck cap

Hanson noted that he received an offer from Ed Ziesemer in the amount of \$150.00 to purchase the truck cap for the sewer utility's pickup truck. He added that this cap is no longer being used.

Motion (Hansen, Gruhn) to accept the offer from Ed Ziesemer to purchase the sewer utility's truck cap for \$150.00, MC.

Reports

Sewer Utility District Manager's Report - Hanson noted that the renewal process for the sewer utility's new discharge permit is almost complete, adding that the testing required for this renewal has been completed. He stated that he planned to submit the permit application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in August.

Engineer's Report - Madsen reported to the Commission on the following:

- That this year's commercial sewer sampling program started yesterday
- That he received a report from Butters-Fetting related to their monitoring of the sewer treatment plant's clarifier

Clerk's Report - McKinney noted that quarterly sewer utility bills will be mailed at the end of the month.

Other – Comments, questions and suggestions

No comments, questions or suggestions were provided.

Adjournment

Motion (McMahon, Gruhn) to adjourn, MC. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m. The next scheduled Sewer Utility District Commission meeting is Tuesday, July 18, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

Michael McKinney
Clerk-Treasurer