



Sewer and Water Commission Meeting Minutes

Union Grove Municipal Center 925 15th Avenue

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

1. Call to Order

Mike McKinney, Village Administrator, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present and constituting a quorum: Steve Nelson, Aaron Alby, and Leo DeBrabander. Staff present: Michael McKinney, Administrator, Nick Carriker, Public Works Manager, and Chris Geary, Village Attorney. Absent: Douglas Nelson, Dan Maurice. Also present: Dan Schaefer and Brian Depies - both with Short Elliot Hendrickson (SEH), and Walt Lautner (Lansing Companies).

Agenda Addition: Appoint a Temporary Chairperson

Motion (Alby, DeBrabander) to appoint Steve Nelson as temporary chairperson, Motion Carried (MC).

3. Consent Agenda Approval - Any item listed on the consent agenda for approval may be removed at the request of any member of the Commission. The request requires no second, is not discussed, and is not voted upon.

- a. December 16, 2025, Sewer and Water Commission and December 22, 2025, Special Sewer and Water Commission meeting minutes
- b. Sewer Utility District financial reports
- c. Water Utility District financial reports
- d. Sewer Utility District invoices
- e. Water Utility District invoices

Motion (DeBrabander, Alby) to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, Motion Carried (MC).

4. Business - Discussion and possible action on the following:

- a. Sanitary sewer service area plan amendment update
Dan Schaefer recapped the process to date and provided input on a recent email from Brian Walters (SEWRPC). Brian Depies provided additional legal perspective and expressed concerns regarding the lack of timely, formal responses from SEWRPC. The group discussed potential next steps, including coordinating an in-person meeting with SEWRPC, SEH, the DNR, and Village representatives. Lautner confirmed the developer remains interested in this plan amendment update. Geary recommended preparing several data points prior to the meeting, including cost breakdowns of SEWRPC recommendations and Yorkville's total financial investment in the Sewer and Water plant to date.

No action taken on this agenda item. SEH will coordinate a future meeting as per the discussion.

- b. Wanasek Corporation Well #2 access driveway paving estimate
The estimate has increased by 10%. Carriker noted that Nielsen Madsen + Barber is responsible for driveway apron and curb repairs, which may change the scope of the paving project. Additionally, the "loop" area is in poor condition following Well #2 construction and must be included in the project. The group discussed having Nielsen Madsen + Barber revise the plans to determine the final requirements as well as researching whether the updated project can/should be put out for a new bid.

Motion (Alby, DeBrabander) to table the Wanasek Well #2 access driveway paving estimate, MC.

- c. The Reesman Company sanitary sewer main/lateral repair proposal
Alby recused himself from voting on this agenda item. Carriker noted that the defect, discovered during routine camera inspections, is an urgent concern, especially given its location on the frontage road, which involves several utility and telecom easements. Following a discussion led by Geary regarding repair vs. improvement, the Commission determined that the plans are to restore the lateral to its original condition via necessary repairs rather than improving upon the original design.

Motion (S. Nelson, DeBrabander) to approve the Reesman repair proposal in the amount of \$49,800 and to get it repaired as soon as possible and let Carriker take care of getting the work done, MC.

d. Wastewater treatment plant generator repair proposals

Carriker obtained two quotes to replace the block heater and batteries on the treatment plant generator and recommended Total Energy Systems quote (significantly less) at \$3,994.12.

Motion (Alby, DeBrabander) to approve the Total Energy Systems quote in the amount of \$3994.12, MC.

5. Reports

a. Engineer's Report – No report

b. Public Works Manager's Report – Nick Carriker

Anticipated start-up date for Well #2 is February 5th. Concrete around the well casing still needs to be poured and site restoration is still in progress.

c. Administrator's Report – Michael McKinney

Carriker, Ekes, McKinney, Eberle and Jeske met with Racine County virtually regarding the Public Safety Building to discuss sampling manholes, SOP for chlorides and other Sewer and Water Utility concerns.

6. Public Comments, Questions and Suggestions – No Comments

7. Adjournment

Motion (Alby, DeBrabander) to adjourn at 7:16 p.m., MC.

Respectfully submitted,
Janine Carls, Clerk

Sewer and Water Commission Meetings are normally held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.