

Sewer Committee Meeting March 23, 2009

James Tishler called the regular monthly Sewer Committee meeting to order at 6:00PM in the meeting at the Town Hall. Present were James Tishler, Paul Kordon, Douglas Smith, Donald Prust, Bert Sawyer and 3 visitors. Gary Nelson was absent.

Clerk verified posting. Motion made/second Jim/Paul to accept the agenda. Carried.

Accept minutes – Motion made/second Jim/Paul to accept the minutes. Carried.

Accept Treasurer report – Motion made/second Jim/Paul to accept the report. Carried.

Citizen input – None.

Discuss/decide sewer billing charges for Weisgerber's Cornerstone Pub – Meter was replaced on Jan. 27. Inside meter was checked and it was fine. Averaged out with the past few years, the usage comes to 41,871 gallons, which would bring the bill to a little over \$200. Don spoke with a Badger Meter rep. who said it's extremely rare for an inside meter ramp up the usage. Generally they either simply stop or go slower, rather than faster. Motion made/second Jim/Paul to use the average usage billing as discussed. Carried.

Discussion/possible decision on meter procedures/equipment – Don got info from Badger Meter on a remote meter system. The meter sends a signal to a remote that the plant employees would have with them in the truck. It also does reporting to see exactly when there was usage. This year is the 10th year for most meters. The cost of the automatic reader feature is about \$90 more per meter. However, the software is about \$7,000. Batteries have a life expectancy of about 20 years and they're replaceable. Don suggested replacing the meters now and budgeting for the software for next year. In the past, the cost of the meters has been passed on to the business owner. Jim and Paul feels these are a good idea. Even if we get the meters and the new style generator, we can still hook up the remote. Don will look into the cost of the remote. We'll have to send letters out to all metered properties. Motion made/second Jim/Paul to start the process to get new meters. Carried.

Discussion/possible decision on the purchase of televising equipment – Don got some info on televising cameras and some companies came up and demoed them. One uses DVD, one uses a Flash Drive, the rest use hard drives. The transmitter could be bought separately, but the camera and the locator should go together. The Infratech camera with the Rigid locator comes to \$9,084. The Infratech camera with the V-Lock locator it's \$8,250 but it didn't seem to show as clearly where everything thing was. There is \$8,500 budgeted in new equipment. Don has also heard comments from Sister Bay and Fish Creek that they might be willing to hire the plant employees to do their televising, so we could possibly make some of the money back. Motion made/second Jim/Paul to purchase the camera package costing \$9,084. Carried.

Discuss/decide on sludge processor from Egg Harbor – Egg Harbor has a concentrator that's not new but it works great. The equipment itself is free. However, we would have to pay to get it removed from the building. A wall would have to be taken apart and put back together. It would produce savings on the sludge processing in Sturgeon Bay. There would also be some expense in placing it at our plant. Would need to run power to it and some piping to get the sludge into it. The building in Egg Harbor was built to make removal fairly simple. An electrician would have to go over there and disconnect it. One of the Town employees is a mason, so that could cut the costs of some of the wall work. Jim is guessing it would be about \$500 to just get it here. Sister Bay has an identical system and they've had really good luck with it. Motion made/second Jim/Paul to recommend to the Town Board that we proceed with getting the equipment. Carried.

Don – Sewer Report – Don delivered the sewer report.

Committee input – None.

Motion made/second Jim/Paul to adjourn at 7:11PM. Carried.

These minutes are subject to correction at the next regular monthly Sewer Committee meeting.

Douglas Smith
Town Clerk