

## Public Utilities Committee Meeting

October 6, 2015

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chairman Josh Borden.

**Roll Call of Officers:** Officers present were Chairman Josh Borden, Trustee Vickie Boehnlein, and Trustee Wayne Lambrecht. A quorum was established. Also in attendance were Water Superintendent Daniel Birenbaum and Wastewater Superintendent Paul Bley.

**Open Meeting Law Compliance Check:** This meeting is in compliance with the Open Meetings Law of the State of Wisconsin.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, Moment of Silence:** All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

- **Public Utilities – August 10, 2015** – A motion was made by Boehnlein and seconded by Borden to approve the Public Utilities minutes of August 10, 2015. Ayes – Borden, Boehnlein, Lambrecht; Noes – none; Abstain – none. Motion carried.

### **Agenda Items:**

- **Review and Possible Action on Updated AT&T Lease** – The committee reviewed the proposed changes to the AT&T Lease. They are proposing a lease that first renews in 2036 with an 8% increase on March 1, 2016 and not again until March 1, 2036. The current lease states there will be an 8% increase every renewal term which is currently every five years. The committee does not feel it is wise to agree to a twenty year contract with no scheduled increases in that time. Borden suggested Clerk, Kaity Olsen, contact AT&T and let them know we are rejecting the contract and we would like to see the lease terms remain the same as it is now with an 8% increase on March 1, 2016 and every five years thereafter.
- **Update on Sludge Disposal at the Wastewater Treatment Plant** – Bley commented that United Liquid Waste started the sludge removal and have already cleared two cells with a total weight of 540 tons. Bley obtained approval to have a third cell done. The proposal from United Liquid Waste states there is a guaranteed minimum of 1,000 tons that we must pay for regardless of how much they haul. We cannot touch the last two cells because Bley needs them to be operational over the winter. Boehnlein suggested we ask United Liquid Waste to deduct the cost of hiring McMahon Engineers to submit the paperwork to the DNR for approval. That cost was about \$800.00. We will amend to contract for next year to pay by the tonnage rather than a guaranteed amount for the remaining two cells.
- **Discussion Regarding Replacement of 2001 ¾ Ton Dodge Ram – Due for Replacement in 2016 per Equipment Replacement Scheduled – 100% Sewer Fund** – Bley mentioned that the truck has 90,000 miles. He can get a brand new truck under a state contract for \$27,000.00. With the addition of a tail gate crane, the cost would come to \$32,000.00 which is well within the amount that was budgeted. The current truck works well right now, but there is rust and the seats that need to be replaced. A quote for fixing those items came in around \$6,000.00. A motion was made by Borden and seconded by Boehnlein to recommend to the Village Board the purchase of a truck in 2015 for the sewer department not to exceed \$35,000.00 and the money to come from the sewer equipment sinking fund and the proceeds of the sale of the current truck to go back into the sewer equipment sinking fund. Ayes – Borden, Lambrecht, Boehnlein; Noes – none; Abstain – none. Motion carried.
- **Recommendation for Change in Adopted 2015 Sewer Budget** – Bley ordered new chemicals to try on the phosphorus but did not realize there was not money budgeted this year for these new chemicals. Going forward this cost will be about \$40,000.00/year in chemicals. A motion was made by Boehnlein and seconded by Borden to recommend to the Village Board the change in the adopted 2015 sewer budget. Ayes – Boehnlein, Borden, Lambrecht; Noes – none; Abstain – none. Motion carried.

**Motion to Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn at 6:13 pm was made by Boehnlein and seconded by Lambrecht. Ayes – Borden, Lambrecht, Boehnlein; Noes – none; Abstain – none. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaity Olsen  
Village Clerk

Approved by Public Utilities 11/30/15