

June 18, 2013

The regular meeting of the Yorkville Sewer Utility was called to order by President Peter L. Hansen at 7:00 PM, June 18th, 2013 in the Town Board Room, 925 15th Avenue. Present were President Hansen, Commissioners Gruhn, McMahon and Johnson, Utilities Manager Hanson, Engineer Madsen and the clerk-treasurer.

Minutes of the May 21st meeting were approved as printed on a motion from Commissioner Johnson, second by Commissioner Gruhn and motion carried.

The financial report was accepted as presented on a motion from Commissioner McMahon, second by Commissioner Johnson and motion carried.

The list of invoices in the amount of \$23,503.21 was approved for payment by a motion from Commissioner McMahon, second by Commissioner Johnson.

Utilities Manager Hanson reports Paul Kent and Attorney Pruitt have filed for a hearing with the DNR relative to our recent contested case hearing on our Sewer Utility District permit petition. He stated he did not look for a hearing date and expect it to be August or September which would be to our advantage as we are busy collecting data which we will use for the hearing.

Hanson told of his talking with Don Meredith, owner of Culligan Water relative to our new permit which has very low chloride limits and that the DNR feels it is from all the water softeners in place. Hanson feels we could get some reduction in the amount of chlorides being discharged if we checked all softeners in the district with proper treatments resulting in lower levels of chloride. For a fee of \$75 per household his firm would contact all water softener owners and set up appointments to check the softeners and reset them if needed. This would not only be a benefit to the district but also the customers he noted. President Hansen moved that we approve the Culligan Water proposed contract for \$75.00 per unit with no cost going to the homeowner for the tune ups and adjustments if needed. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion which then carried.

Utilities Manager Hanson told of finding the Racine County Highway Department building shows a very high level of chloride discharge to our system. We have been sampling all business and industrial users for chloride entering the system from each. We have a problem with Racine County and need to get to the source of this. Talk centered on the storage of road salt and possible leakage coming directly from them into our system. Julie Anderson was to follow up with the maintenance people there with Engineer Madsen to also work with the Racine County employees in finding the cause of these high levels.

Utilities Manager reported on the favorable comments from Tom Haman of Culver's Restaurant relative to our service and was surprised to learn this is our first increase of fees since the start up in 1981 of the present sewer system.

Reesman's Excavating recently were hired to repair a leak in the sewer lateral into the 910 Sylvania property and finding the problem being with someone installing phone cable directly over the sewer lateral which at this point is 10' deep. They should have been at a 24" level for this. The problem and cost of repair is no longer put on the owner of the property but we must provide evidence and costs to the cable carrier responsible.

Engineer Madsen reports his recent onsite inspection of Subway Restaurant at 734 So. Sylvania and found that they have removed some tables and seats from use at their restaurant and thus change their quarterly sewer charges. Madsen has prepared a new lower calculated fee for this business starting with the second quarter billing.

Utilities Manager Hanson reports the sampling is going well with the new part-time helpers. All samples must be iced and therefore we will see a large increase in costs for ice.

With no further business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Johnson moved to adjourn, second by Commissioner McMahon and motion carried. P:resident Hansen then adjourned the meeting at 7:25PM.



Judy Aimone, Clerk-Treasurer