

## MINUTES

### TOWN OF YORKVILLE SEWER COMMISSION TOWN BOARD ROOM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013

#### Call to Order

Sewer Commission President Peter Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### Roll Call

The following Sewer Commission members were present: Peter Hansen, Sherry Gruhn, Terrence McMahon, Lawrence Robers and Thomas Johnson. Also present were Sewer Utility Manager Gary Hanson and Clerk-Treasurer Michael McKinney.

#### Approval of Minutes

***Motion (McMahon, Johnson) to approve the November 19, 2013 Sewer Commission meeting minutes as submitted, Motion Carried (MC).***

#### Financial Report

***Motion (Robers, McMahon) to approve the November Sewer Utility financial report as submitted, MC.***

#### Approval of Sewer Utility Invoices

Hanson noted that the Sewer Utility will receive a partial credit for the Mulcahy Shaw Water payment as it was discovered that the pump they replaced was actually defective.

***Motion (McMahon, Gruhn) to approve Sewer Utility invoices in the amount of \$22,968.78, MC.***

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

**Update on the meeting with the Racine County Public Works Department and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources regarding chloride reduction at the Racine County Highway Department facility, 14200 Washington Avenue, Sturtevant**

Hanson noted that he and Peter Hansen met with Racine County Public Works Department Director Julie Anderson and Michael Luba of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources regarding this issue. He added that Racine County plans to construct a salt brine collection area at their highway facility in Rochester and would consider constructing a similar collection area at their Yorkville facility to help reduce salt runoff. Hanson noted that the DNR would likely only require that this project be completed within four years, when the existing Sewer Utility permit expires. Hansen noted that Racine County plans to conduct their own testing at the site to confirm that their facility is the source of the chloride problem.

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

## Reports

**Sewer Utility Manager's Report:** Hanson provided his report to the Commission. He noted that a new engineer at AECOM has been assigned to the Sewer Utility's phosphorus reduction program and is in the process of putting together a phosphorus reduction report for the utility. Hanson informed the Commission that he has been in contact with an instructor at the Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE), who informed him of a program where seniors in MSOE's Civil Engineering program participate in an engineering project where the students work with clients to help them address real-life issues. Hanson felt that these students could work with the Sewer Utility to identify ways to reduce phosphorus levels in the sewer treatment plant. He added that there would be about twelve students divided into two groups and noted that this work would be done under the supervision of instructors. He noted that similar projects in the past have required a stipend of approximately \$1,500.00.

***Motion (McMahon, Johnson) to enter into a contract with MSOE to participate in the Civil Engineering program senior project and to pay any expenses related to this project from the Sewer Utility budget, MC.***

The Commission requested that Hanson contact Tim Pruitt to have him determine if any liability issues would exist for the Sewer Utility if this project were to proceed.

Hanson informed the Commission that there have not been any major issues at the sewer plant, but added that several electrical relays were replaced at the well and in the lift stations.

**Engineer's Report:** The Engineer was not present to provide his report to the Commission.

**Clerk's Report:** McKinney provided his report to the Commission. He noted that sewer bills will be mailed out at the end of the month.

## Other – Comments, questions and suggestions

No comments, questions or suggestions were provided.

## Adjournment

***Motion (McMahon, Johnson) to adjourn, MC.*** The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m. The next scheduled Sewer Commission meeting is Tuesday, January 21, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

Michael McKinney  
*Clerk-Treasurer*