

MINUTES

**TOWN OF YORKVILLE
SEWER UTILITY COMMISSION
TOWN BOARD ROOM
UNION GROVE MUNICIPAL CENTER
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2014**

Call to Order

Sewer Utility Commission President Peter Hansen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion (Gruhn, McMahon) to approve the July 17, 2014 Sewer Commission meeting minutes as submitted, Motion Carried (MC).

Financial Report

Motion (McMahon, Gruhn) to approve the July Sewer Utility financial report as submitted, MC.

Approval of Sewer Utility Invoices

Motion (Hansen, McMahon) to approve Sewer Utility invoices in the amount of \$31,795.89, MC.

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

Temporary moratorium on expansion of the Yorkville Sewer Utility's service area boundaries

Hansen stated that he could not support such a moratorium, as he felt that it would send a discouraging message to any new commercial development. Hanson noted that there have been a few requests recently for expansion of sewer service. He added that the Sewer Utility Commission should consider proposals carefully but added that any new proposal might take up to a year to receive final approval. Madsen noted that the Sewer Utility's service area is almost entirely built out and added that the only neighboring property that could be included in the Sewer Utility's service area is located at 2200 South Sylvania Avenue.

Motion (McMahon, Hansen) to deny the approval of a temporary moratorium on expansion of the Yorkville Sewer Utility's service area boundaries, MC.

Establishing a new start time for all future Yorkville Sewer Utility Commission meetings

Hanson noted that his position was recently transferred from Sheboygan to Milwaukee. He added that he would be available to attend meetings as early as 6:30 p.m.

Motion (McMahon, Johnson) to change the start time of the Yorkville Sewer Utility Commission meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., MC.

Reports

Sewer Utility Manager's Report: Hanson provided his report to the Sewer Utility Commission. He noted that the Sewer Utility's phosphorus report was submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in March. He added that he has petitioned the DNR for a reduction in required zinc testing from twice a month to once a quarter, as the results of those tests do not indicate any elevated zinc levels in the sewer system. He noted that he plans to send more data to the DNR in support of this request. He stated that Madsen recently completed the commercial and industrial sewer sampling program for 2014. He added that several locations will be retested to verify the results previously collected at those sites. He noted that he also planned to contact businesses regarding their high chloride levels. He requested that the Sewer Utility Commission grant him permission to work with the Town's attorney to draft a new sewer monitoring ordinance that establishes limits on phosphorus, chlorides and other chemical outputs from commercial properties.

Motion (Hansen, Gruhn) to authorize the Sewer Utility Manager to work with the Town's attorney to draft a new sewer monitoring ordinance, MC.

He noted that he received a new dissolved oxygen meter that replaces the existing meter, which was 35 years old. He informed the Commission that he made several attempts to contact a realtor regarding an inquiry into the availability of water and sewer service for the property located at 3400 South Sylvania Avenue. He noted that the sewer lab was recently recertified. He added that a lab audit will likely be conducted there in early 2015.

Engineer's Report: Madsen provided his report to the Sewer Utility Commission. He noted that a new 10 ½" smooth-sided sewer transmission pipe is being installed under I-94 to replace the existing pipe there. He added that he would verify that the new pipe being installed could handle the sewer plant's daily capacity rating of 150,000 gallons, as the new pipe is smaller than the existing pipe.

Clerk's Report: McKinney provided his report to the Sewer Utility Commission. He noted that there are two delinquent commercial Sewer Utility customers with past due balances totaling \$13,417.29 and ten delinquent residential Sewer Utility customers with past due balances totaling \$2,619.00. He added that these balances will be assessed to the property taxes for each property if left unpaid.

Other – Comments, questions and suggestions

No comments, questions or suggestions were provided.

Adjournment

Motion (McMahon, Gruhn) to adjourn, MC. The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m. The next scheduled Sewer Utility Commission meeting is Tuesday, September 16, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

Michael McKinney
Clerk-Treasurer