

CITY OF NEW LONDON
MINUTES OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING
Monday, March 3, 2014

Members Present: Chairman Mike Barrington, Bob Besaw, Lori Dean, Dennis Herter and Ron Steinhorst

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jeff Bodoh, Public Works Director
Kent Hager, City Administrator
Gary Henke, Mayor
John Romberg, Alderperson
Tom O'Connell, Alderperson
Ben Greuel, WWTP Chief Operator
Janet Searl, Administrative Assistant

East Ridge Drive Representatives: Terry & Bev Warning, Bruce & Barb Fielding, Randy Nelson, Jennifer Bachman, Tom & Theresa Vigil, Ben Schmidt, Dan Froding

1. Chairman Barrington called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

Motion by Steinhorst / Besaw to approve the agenda as presented. Five voting aye. Motion carried.

2. Options for North End of East Ridge Drive. This issue was tabled from last month's meeting. The owner is looking at putting in a driveway off Allcan Road in the Town of Liberty. Residents on Caroline Drive and East Ridge would like to see the north end of East Ridge Drive blocked off so vehicles cannot get through and signs put up stating No Parking from Lucas Drive to the end of the road. Bodoh mentioned that the No Parking has to be an ordinance amendment in order for police to be able to enforce it. He will write the amendment for the April meeting.

Motion by Steinhorst / Besaw to recommend to Council to barricade the north end of East Ridge Drive and put up signs stating No Parking from Lucas Drive to the end of the road. Five voting aye. Motion carried.

3. WWTP Update. Ben reported that all the Variable Frequency Drives at the plant are up and running and the plant will be able to handle the melting this spring. Ben asked the Board if he could hire interns to assist with warm weather work, which will provide them with necessary on-the-job training requirements. There is sufficient money to cover the costs.

Motion by Dean / Steinhorst to approve hiring interns to assist at the WWTP. Five voting aye. Motion carried.

The NEOGOV program is up and running. It is possible there may be a new hire at the WWTP by late April

4. Repairs for Plow Truck. There was discussion whether to replace a 2000 International dump truck or repair it at an estimated cost of \$10,765 to hopefully get by for 2 or 3 more years. It is currently used for plowing but the dump box can't be used for spreading salt.

Motion by Besaw to recommend replacing the 2000 International dump truck. Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion by Dean / Steinhorst to recommend to Council the repair of the dump box and the plow mount for the 2000 International for a total of \$10,765. Four voting aye, Besaw voting nay. Motion carried.

The Board asked Bodoh to get an updated quote for a new dump truck.

5. Monthly Report of Director. There were no questions on Bodoh's written report.
6. Other Matters. Dean asked if there was a plan for fixing the dips in the roads. Bodoh explained that when it thaws those dips will level out. Bodoh also pointed out that the City does asphalt patching and crack filling every year.

There was a question regarding the snow budget. Bodoh will be looking at the February budget numbers.

Snow in front of hydrants was discussed. The loader that picks up snow is not able to clear them out because they snap off easily if hit. Bodoh will have the street supervisor look at clearing the hydrants on public property.

There are two anniversaries this month: Jeremy Helser – 9 years on March 24th, Janet Searl – 5 years on March 23rd.

Bodoh will be contacting Glen Janke from the Town of Maple Creek regarding the engineering proposal for work on Hintzke Road.

7. Motion by Dean to adjourn the meeting at 5:16 p.m., second by Besaw. Motion carried by all.

Jeffrey Bodoh
Director of Public Works