

**CITY OF NEW LONDON**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2006**

Members Present: Chairman Ron Heise, Dennis Herter, Bill Kopitzke, Mary Tate and Rob Way

Others Present: Earl Luaders, City Attorney  
Angie Seidl, Museum Director  
Gary Henke, 3rd District Alderman  
Tom O'Connell, 2nd District Alderman  
Jeff Bodoh, Public Works Engineer  
Carol Radtke, Director of Public Works  
Louie Dresen, W.W.T.P. Supt.  
Lee Rousseau

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Heise at 5:00 P.M. with a quorum present. Motion by Kopitzke/Tate to approve the agenda. All voting aye. Motion carried.

2. Status of Sullivan Easement Negotiations. Attorney Luaders has been negotiating with Attorney Carlson (Sullivan's attorney) in an effort to reach a compromise between the two appraisals for a 20 foot sanitary sewer easement for the city's river crossing on the Richard Sullivan property. Most recently, Attorney Carlson submitted an Easement Acquisition and Purchase Agreement that includes a 2nd easement along the far west side of Sullivan's property to provide access for city equipment to maintain and clean the sewer line. Attorney Luaders and city staff have reviewed this Agreement in detail. Luaders advised the Board that the proposed Agreement of \$16,400 for the easement, plus \$1,500 legal fees is a reasonable offer.

Motion by Kopitzke/Herter to recommend that the Council approve the Easement Aquisition and Purchase Agreement in the amount of \$16,400, plus \$1,500 in legal fees as presented by Richard Sullivan's attorney. All voting aye. Motion carried.

3. Request from Museum Director for Walking Tour Arrows. Angie Seidl, Museum Director made a presentation to the Board exhibiting her Historic Homes Walking Tour sponsored by the museum. This program has been highly praised by our citizens. Angie referred to Booklets that are available for individuals to take self-tours. Her request to the Board is for painted arrows on the sidewalks designating the walking tour route to enhance this project. Paint could be provided by the Dept. of Public Works and volunteers would do the painting.

Motion by Herter/Tate to approve the request for arrows to be painted on the city sidewalks designating the Museum's Historic Homes Walking Tour. All voting aye. Motion carried.

4. Update on the Wastewater Influent Pump Upgrade. W.W.T.P. Supt. Louis Dresen discussed the engineers proposed changes for the new upgrade, emphasizing the proposed replacement of a very old manhole leading to the plant that caused backup problems. Applied Technologies will be submitting the final design plan by

October 15th along with the estimated costs of the project. Louie advised that the construction portion of this project is projected to be done in phases contingent on the city's budget. As this project moves forward, he will keep the Board informed of the progress.

5. Status of the Storm Water Utility. It has been a few months since Earth Tech made a presentation on a Storm Water Utility to the Council but no decision has been made to proceed with this utility. Radtke reviewed the memo from Jim Villiesse to the Board stating that the city is currently spending \$63,000 annually on items that could be reimbursed through storm water user fees and their task is to make the decision whether or not, to take the next step and contract with Earth Tech to do a study for the city. The engineering costs for this study can be reduced by utilizing the services of our Public Works Engineer and also recouped though user fees. A discussion followed.

Motion by Kopitzke/Herter to recommend that the Council approve contracting with Earth Tech to do a storm water utility study for the city. All voting aye. Motion carried.

6. Proposed 2007 Public Works Projects. Jeff Bodoh provided a printout of the proposed Street Projects for 2007; commenting that they were listed in order of priority. A couple of these projects have been approved for State funding, therefore to secure the funding, they need to be given first priority. Staff also advised that due to budgetary and economic constraints there may be a need to eliminate a lower priority project.

Motion by Kopitzke/Way to approve the 2007 Street Construction Projects as presented. All voting aye. Motion carried.

7. Progress of 2006 N. Shawano Street Project. Radtke reported that this project was ahead of schedule and plans were to open the road to traffic on Thursday, 10/05. Items that still needed to be done were some off-road paving of lots and driveways, landscaping and minor cleanup items. All in all the project went very well thanks, to the cooperation of all involved.

8. Monthly Reports of the Director and Engineer. Reports were reviewed by the Board. The Director discussed the Capital Equipment purchases for the Street Division; advising that the primary purchase was for a new backhoe. Staff has been investigating ways to keep these costs down. These items will also be purchased based on priority and current budget needs.

9. Other Matters, if any. No items for discussion.

Motion by Herter/Kopitzke to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 P.M. All voting aye. Motion carried.