

**CITY OF NEW LONDON
MINUTES OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2006**

Members Present: Chairman Ron Heise, Dennis Herter, Bill Kopitzke,
Mary Tate, Rob Way
Others Present: Kent Hager, City Administrator
Jim Villiesse, Clerk-Treasurer
Tom O'Connell, 2nd District Alderman
Carol Radtke, Director
Jeff Bodoh, Dept. Engineer
Pat VandenHeuvel, Street Division Supt.
Louis Dresen, Wastewater Supt.
Lee Rousseau

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Heise at 6:25 P.M. with a quorum present. Motion by Herter, 2nd by Tate to approve the agenda as distributed. All voting aye. Motion carried.

1. Changes to the Sewer User Fees Ordinance. Jim Villiesse reviewed a memo with the Board members advising them of the need to change the Sewerage User Charge ordinance. Current charges were designed to pay the debt service on the plant. Since the debt will be completely paid off by the end of the year, the law states that we need to get rid of this fixed charge component. For the future, the City will need to collect enough money to cover plant operations, depreciation expense, future new plant and collector system upgrades. Newly proposed calculations would put an average annual bill for a household at \$253.00; they currently pay \$248.00. This new method however, would put undue hardship on large users such as Saputo. In this case, we could negotiate a specific contract to be more reasonable to the industry. Villiesse advised the Board they need to be prepared to vote on the new ordinance that will be drafted in October. He also stressed the need to seriously consider checking into the Storm Water Utility at this time to help offset the future expenses for the wastewater plant.

2. Approval of Compliance Maintenance Annual Report and Resolution. Louie reviewed the CMAR with the Board members. The report is complete, minus the financial portion being completed by the Clerk-Treasurer. He stated that this year's report was similar to last year's and our plant received high marks - all A's. The CMAR and the resolution need to be forwarded to the D.N.R. after approval by the Council.

Motion by Way and 2nd by Kopitzke to recommend that the Council approve the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report and resolution for the wastewater treatment plant. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Louie also discussed his plans for cost savings in 2007 at the wastewater plant. This involves operating with 1 digester to save on natural gas costs. This will require close monitoring and he will keep the Board informed of his progress.

3. Director and Engineer Reports. The 2006 N. Shawano Street Reconstruction Project was discussed.

4. Other Matters, if any. The Director asked if they could discuss the inquiry made by one of the Board members at the last Council meeting related to the Street Division cell phone bill. Pat VandenHeuvel explained that new phones had been purchased and additionally the plan was changed to provide a cost savings to the department to eliminate some charges. It was felt that these concerns can most appropriately be handled at Board meetings.

Motion by Way, 2nd by Kopitzke to adjourn at 7:20 P.M. All voting aye. Motion carried.