

**CITY OF NEW LONDON
MINUTES OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2009**

Members Present: Chairman Arien Herminath, Mike Barrington, Dennis Herter,
Lori Dean, and Robert Besaw

Others Present: Gary Henke, Mayor
Kent Hager, City Administrator
Jeff Bodoh, Acting Public Works Director
John Romberg, Alderperson
Tom O'Connell, Alderperson
David Morack, Alderperson
Louie Dresen, WWTP Supervisor
Janet Searl, Administrative Assistant

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Herminath at 4:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

Motion by Barrington / Herter to approve the agenda as presented.
All voting aye. Motion carried.

2. WWTP Update. Dresen asked the Board if they would like to proceed with the purchase of a new flow meter. Benefits of purchasing the flow meter are that it could be used in the pipe resizing and mapping project, it would be a temporary backup meter for the WWTP, and it could be a way to check the meter at Saputo. The monies will be taken out of the WWTP Operational Budget and Louie will get quotes from different companies to make sure the meter they want is in line pricewise with competitors.

Motion by Herter / Barrington to recommend the purchase of a new flow meter at a cost of \$6,003, provided that this is the lowest quote that Dresen receives. Four voting aye, Dean voting nay. Motion carried.

Dresen had acquired another quote for doors for the WWTP and Tri-City Glass was the low bidder. He reported that recent BOD loadings have shown a significant drop. Saputo has been land-spreading their high strength waste. There was a discussion of different options for disposal of the high strength waste but the Board decided to leave it as it is for now.

3. Snow Plowing/Snow Emergency Policy. Bodoh discussed the suggestion that City crews provide snow removal for the downtown area. The main

Motion Dean / Besaw to have the City Crews do sidewalk snow removal for the downtown area (North Water Street from Shawano Street to Pearl Street and Pearl Street from Park Street to Beacon Avenue, with a couple of side streets that present a safety issue) on a trial basis. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Hager will present this change to the Chamber and a letter will be sent to downtown business owners to inform them of the change as well.

Bodoh distributed a memo regarding pre-wetting salt equipment. There was a discussion of the benefits to pre-wetting salt versus regular salt. Bodoh recommended that the Board approve the purchase of a 100 gallon tank pre wetting unit to see how well it works.

Motion Herter / Dean to recommend the purchase of a 100 gallon tank for \$2,500 to be approved by the Capital Equipment & Projects Committee. All voting aye. Motion carried.

4. Monthly Report of the Director. There were no comments.
5. Other Matters. Besaw brought up complaints he had received regarding the Cedarhurst median. The Board said that had been discussed at length before and asked Bodoh to look up the minutes of that meeting.

Motion by Barrington to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m., second by Dean. Motion carried by all.