

**CITY OF NEW LONDON
MINUTES OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2009**

Members Present: Chairman Arien Herminath, Mike Barrington, Dennis Herter, Lori Dean, Excused: Bill Kopitzke,
Others Present: Gary Henke, Mayor
Tom O'Connell, Alderperson
Kent Hager, City Administrator
Steve Thompson, N.L. Utilities Director
Jeff Bodoh, Public Works Engineer
Louie Dresen, W.W.T.P. Supt.
Lee Rousseau

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Herminath at 4:30 P.M. with a quorum present. Motion by Dean / Herter to approve the agenda. All voting aye. Motion carried.

2. Beacon Street Project.

-Approve Bid for Contract "A" Sanitary and Storm Sewer Replacement. Thompson noted that there were ten bidders for this contract and that Wood Sewer and Excavation was the low bidder.

Herter moved and recommended to Council the approval of the low bid for the Beacon Avenue Contract "A" Sanitary and Storm Sewer Replacement Project for Wood Sewer & Excavating in the amount of \$82,893.00, second by Barrington. All voting aye. Motion carried

-Approve Bid for Contract "B" Pavement Removal and Replacement. Thompson noted that there were six bidders for this contract and that MCC was the low bidder.

Dean moved and recommended to Council the approval of the low bid for the Beacon Avenue Contract "B" Pavement Removal and Replacement Project for MCC in the amount of \$259,278.50, second by Herter. All voting aye. Motion carried.

-Approve Bid for Sewer Materials. Thompson noted that there were six bidders for these contracts and that Davies Water was the low bidder for pipe and Concrete Industries was the low bidder for concrete manholes and inlets

Herter moved and recommended to Council the approval of the low bids for the Beacon Avenue Sewer Material Contracts from Davies Water in the

amount of \$25,207.20 and Concrete Industries in the amount of \$24,103.02, second by Dean. All voting aye. Motion carried

3. Update on Wastewater Treatment Plant Issues. Dresen updated the Board on the WWTP issues. Dresen noted he has taken some air samples mainly in and around the rock trickling filter. The results of this sampling are noted on the attached spreadsheet. Dresen mentioned that after making the changes that the engineering consultant suggested the odor has not been as bad, but the plastic media trickling filter at times is near its BOD loading capacity.

Dresen briefed the Board on a meeting the City had with Saputo Cheese in regards to their sanitary sewer flowmeter. Dresen had a consultant install a temporary flowmeter in the manhole where Saputo's sanitary lateral empties into the sewer main. Dresen tabulated the readings from the temporary meter (about 210,000 gallons a day) and pointed out that Saputo's flowmeter is wrong. Saputo's meter readings were up to 680,000 gallons per day. A meeting with Saputo to further review this matter is being scheduled.

4. Approve Bid for the WWTP Grit Box Slide Gate Repair. Bodoh and Dresen briefly described the project to the Board. Dresen noted that Crane Engineering was the low bidder of the three firms submitting proposals.

Barrington moved and recommended to Council that they approve the low bid for the WWTP Grit Box Slide Gate Repair Project from Crane engineering in the amount of \$14,420.00, second by Herter. All voting aye. Motion carried.

5. Approve Sanitary Sewer Root Control Proposal. Bodoh pointed out that two contractors received specifications for this project, but only one of the contractors submitted a proposal. That firm was Dukes Root Control.

Herter moved and recommended to Council the approval of the proposal for the Sanitary Sewer Root Control Project from Dukes Root Control in the amount of \$2,793.90, second by Dean. All voting aye. Motion carried.

6. Approve bid for the Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project. Herminath explained the scope of the sidewalk rehabilitation to the Board and noted that this project included sidewalk ramp replacement. Bodoh noted that was four bidders for this contract. Sam Sommers Construction was the low bidder.

Herter moved and recommended to Council the approval of the low bid for the Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project from Sam Sommers Construction in the amount of \$69,068.00, second by Dean. All voting aye. Motion carried.

7. Update Board on the Pearl Street Bridge Project. Henke made mention of the discussion of the type of railing proposed by the engineers for the bridge. He noted that Waupaca County Highway Department was looking to have the same railing that is on the Shawano Street Bridge. Henke said that the bridge would be there for many years and had asked that a more decorative railing be approved for the project. This more attractive railing has been included. The Board asked about the purchase of the building at the northwest corner of the bridge. Hager noted that there have been some inquiries from potential buyers of this building. Bodoh noted that the State did very recently approve the purchase of the building, but Hager noted that it may have already sold.

8. Update the Board on the City Garage. The attached notes explained what items were discussed at a Garage Committee meeting in April. The current and future City Garage needs were discussed at this meeting. There was mention of an empty maintenance shop a short distance from the City Garage that might be leased until a new City Garage is built. Rick Hottenstien, Street Department Mechanic, was looking into the cost to lease this building. This matter will be further considered at a future Facilities Committee meeting.

9. Discussion about Sewer-Cleaning Machine. Bodoh noted that the reconditioned sewer-cleaning machine that the Street Superintendent mentioned last month had been sold. Rick Hottenstien, Street Department Mechanic, has been searching for other used reconditioned sewer-cleaning machines. The Board said that a special meeting could be called if another sewer-cleaning machine became available.

10. Discuss Starlite Court/Mukwa. Hager noted that the Chairman from the Town of Mukwa contacted him about the City taking over the entirety of Starlite Court for City maintenance and repair. This road is currently in rough shape and there are still nearly fifty percent of the property owners on the street residing in the Town of Mukwa. Currently there are no City utilities in this road. Hager suggested that the city consider this matter further when and if other properties on this street annex to the City in the future. All on the Board agreed.

11. Monthly Report of the Acting Director. Bodoh mentioned that there might be a DOT asphalt milling and repaving project on Highway 45 south of New London this summer.

12. Other Matters. No other items.

Motion by Barrington to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 P.M., second by Herter. Motion carried by all.