

CITY OF NEW LONDON
MINUTES OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING
TUESDAY, July 6, 2010

Members Present: Chairman Mike Barrington, Dennis Herter, Robert Besaw, Ron Steinhorst, and Lori Dean (arrived at 5:02 pm)

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

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

Motion by Herter / Steinhorst to approve the agenda as presented.
Four voting aye. Motion carried.

2. Wastewater Treatment Plant Update. Louie reported that the vacuum pump discussed at last month's meeting has been ordered from Crane Engineering. Their equipment supplier made a \$5000 mistake when quoting the equipment but they are going to honor the quoted price. Last month Louie reported that he would like to install automated gate modifications to the clarifiers. At the time of this meeting he had received two quotes; the Board would like him to acquire one more quote and then accept the lowest. The BOD loadings are up a bit, part of which is due to a leak on the silo door at Saputo's. The effluent numbers are still good. Louie received an email from the DNR to thank him for submitting the CMAR.

Future Personnel Change. Louie will be retiring in August, 2011. Bodoh provided a memo with three different options for managing the WWTP. The Board discussed the different options; no action is required at this time. The Board did ask Bodoh to discuss the options with the WWTP crew.

Potential Sewer Rate Study. Bodoh handed out part of a survey prepared by MSA showing sewer use charges of communities similar in size to New London, along with a copy of the City's current Sewer Utility Ordinance. Judy Radke, City Finance Director/Treasurer, and Bodoh suggest doing a rate study, which will probably result in rate increases; if substantial those increases should be implemented over a period of time. The Board agreed that a rate study should be done and directed Bodoh to send RFPs to a group of select firms. The Board also requested that Bodoh check with other communities where Saputo plants are located to check what they are charging for sewer rates.

3. Update on Pearl Street Bridge Project. Bodoh attended a Pre-Construction meeting in Wisconsin Rapids today and distributed an updated schedule. The project will start next week. There will be progress meetings on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 10 a.m. in the Council Chambers.
4. Monthly Report of Director/Engineer. A written report was included in the packet.
5. Other Matters. Romberg commented favorably on the placement of a No Parking sign by the Catholic Church. Next month the Administrator would like to see downtown parking on the agenda. Currently there are signs stating there is a 2-hour limit. That either needs to be enforced or the signs need to be taken down.

Motion by Herter to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 p.m., second by Dean. Motion carried by all.

Jeffrey Bodoh
Acting Director of Public Works