

CITY OF NEW LONDON
MINUTES OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING
MONDAY, August 2, 2010

Members Present: Chairman Mike Barrington, Dennis Herter, Robert Besaw, Lori Dean (arrived at 4:40 p.m.), and Ron Steinhorst

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

2. Wastewater Treatment Plant Update/Discussion of Future Plans. Louie reported that the new gas compressors have arrived and will be installed tomorrow. July 22nd was the largest flow through the plant at 2 ½ million gallons. Saputo had a dump of detergent on July 30th; it was not enough to destroy the biological process. There was a total of 11.6" of rain recorded at the plant for the month of July.

Bodoh met with the employees at the WWTP about staffing needs when Louie retires. They agreed that Plan A presented to the Board last month would be the best option. Ben Greuel would become the Wastewater Treatment Plant Head Operator, Bodoh would oversee the personnel, and the work would be distributed among the three WWTP employees. The Board discussed alternatives for filling in for employees who are sick, on vacation, or called upon for snow removal.

Bodoh included a High Strength Sanitary Wastewater Survey in the packet. Included were municipalities that also receive waste from dairies and cheese plants. The survey compared costs for BODs, Suspended Solids, and Phosphorus.

3. Downtown Parking Limit/Signs. The Board discussed the issue of the two hour parking limit downtown. If the ordinance is not going to be enforced it should be repealed and the signs taken down.

Motion by Steinhorst / Herter to recommend to Council to repeal Ordinance 7.07 (2)(b) Two Hour Parking Limit. Four voting aye, Dean voting Nay. Motion carried.

4. Soil Boring Results from North East New London Business Center. Bodoh passed out a summary of recommendations for future construction at the site. The Board discussed what would need to be done to attract potential buyers and whether it was beneficial to look for another site for industrial development. The Board asked Bodoh to compile the recommendations from all of the geotechnical reports and provide a map of the soil borings for next month's meeting.
5. Update on Pearl Street Bridge. There isn't much happening; the barges are there, another crane is being brought in tomorrow, and Thursday they will start removing the sidewalk and bridge deck. Bodoh reminded the Board that informational meetings would be held the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall.
6. Monthly Report of Director/Engineer. A written report was included in the packet. The Jeanne Street construction has not been started because of the wet weather. Another week of drying is needed before starting the portion between 54 and Mathewson's driveway. Bodoh made the Board aware of an issue on the west end of Pershing Road. There is a manhole that is not accessible without driving on the property owner's lawn. Bodoh will speak with the owner about creating a gravel entranceway for the truck.
7. Other Matters. The issue of a crosswalk for Saputo employees was mentioned. That is being looked at and Bodoh stated that usually the employer pays for the cost of signs to mark the crosswalk. The stop & go lights were discussed; the police department is keeping an eye on the traffic situation and will have an officer present when school starts in the fall.

Motion by Steinhorst to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 p.m., second by Dean.
Motion carried by all.

Jeffrey Bodoh
Acting Director of Public Works