

**CITY OF NEW LONDON**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING**  
**MONDAY, December 5, 2011**

Members Present: Chairman Mike Barrington, Dennis Herter, Robert Besaw, Lori Dean, and Ron Steinhorst

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jeff Bodoh, Public Works Director  
Kent Hager, City Administrator  
Gary Henke, Mayor  
John Romberg, Alderperson  
Tom O'Connell, Alderperson  
Janet Searl, Administrative Assistant  
Ben Greuel, WWTP Chief Operator

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

Motion by Steinhorst / Dean to approve the agenda as presented. Five voting aye. Motion carried.

2. WWTP Update. Ben Greuel reported that the crew continues to work on general maintenance and winterizing the plant and lift stations. There was an issue with the aeration-building roof during the last snowstorm. A temporary patch was put on as it is slated for replacement next year. Marc Weise continues to learn and will soon be ready to start in the rotation schedule. Ben has been in contact with the DNR about our permit approval; they said it would be at least mid-January before that happens. A pump motor at lift station #5 had to be repaired.

3. Update on Sewer Rate Study. Included in the packet was a comparison of present and calculated rates for representative customers. The increase is presented in phases over the next three years. Bodoh will bring the final study to present at the January meeting and would like to implement the increases in February. If the second reading cannot be waived, a special meeting of the Council may have to be held. The Board would like to make sure that the industries are made aware of the upcoming increases. The Board is aware that the increases are necessary and want to make sure that the reasons are thoroughly explained at the Council meeting.

4. Request for Paving on Pinewood Lane. Bodoh received a call from Father Feider asking if the City would consider paving Pinewood from the end of the current asphalt pavement to the church's west driveway entrance. One of his parishioners who is wheelchair bound has difficulty traveling over the gravel. Members of the Board discussed whether a sidewalk might be a better option. They asked Bodoh to check on prices for both paving and installation of a sidewalk.

Motion Dean / Steinhorst to have Bodoh check on the cost of paving an asphalt binder mat on the west end of Pinewood Lane and the cost of installing a sidewalk, and add whichever is most economical to the Capital Projects list. Four voting aye, one nay (Herter). Motion carried.

5. Director's Report. There were no questions on the written report.
6. Other Matters. There was a brief discussion of the location and number of signs directing people to the hospital. Bodoh asked the hospital administrator to see what the ambulance service recommends.
7. Motion by Dean to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m., second by Herter. Motion carried by all.

Jeffrey Bodoh  
Director of Public Works