

PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD MEETING – CITY OF ZILWAUKEE

February 24, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 P.M. by Chairperson Tom Waters.

Roll Call:

Present: Mark Black, George Dembinski, Jack Niemi and Tom Waters.

Also Present: DPW Superintendent Eric Mahan and Mayor Gene Jolin.

Excused: Pete Rouech and Adm. Jeff Zittel.

The minutes of the January 27, 2014 meeting were considered. A motion was made by J. Neimi, supported by G. Dembinski, to approve the minutes as mailed with clarification. It had been mentioned in previous minutes that E. Mahan and D. Mahan were certified in programs for the sewer grant program. P.A.C.P. is for Pipeline Assessment Certification Program. L.A.C.P. is for Lateral Assessment Certification Program. M.A.C.P. is for Manhole Assessment Certification Program. The motion carried.

Correspondence:

Records of Bacteriological tests taken for January 2014 show no violations.

Audience Participation:

Joan Waters, Keller Williams Real Estate, addressed the Board regarding an outstanding water bill for 862 Waukee Lane. This water bill had been applied to the property taxes because the previous home owner had not paid it. The closing for the purchase of this home was 8/29/2012 and at this time there was no outstanding water bill showing as it was in the middle of the billing cycle. There was much discussion on the way this issue was handled. J. Waters mentioned she did not feel the new home owners should be responsible for this bill and that the title company and real estate company should not be responsible either. She questioned if possibly the City should forgive this dollar amount. J. Waters stated she had contacted other real estate agencies and they all handled closings and outstanding bill questions in the same way. The Board will table this until the March meeting in order to gather more information.

J. Waters also mentioned that FEMA , flood insurance, has given a 4 year moratorium for holders of flood insurance and homes are mandatory for an elevation study in one (1) year.

Superintendents Report:

JANUARY 1, 2014 TO FEBRUARY 1, 2014

Water Purchased	3,285,000	Gallons
Sewage Pumped (Jones St)	4,660,100	Gallons
Sewage Pumped (Edison St)	1,015,970	Gallons
Total Sewage Pumped	5,676,070	Gallons

DPW Activity Report:

There was a water leak at 858 Tittabawassee on January 27. It was on the property owner's side but the DPW needed to bore down to locate the shut off.

AT&T has been working down Schust installing Uverse.

The DPW had to shut off the water at 102 S. Jefferson due to broken pipes. This is a rental home and the owner lives in Washington.

Flow meters were calibrated at the pump stations.

Stage II water samples were taken and the results are good.

The DPW had a weep tile inspection at 844 Tittabawassee. They need a new sewer line.

The DPW has been clearing off storm drains and servicing pump stations.

Old Business:

There was discussion on the difference in water purchased versus water usage. There is a 2.1 million gallon difference. It was mentioned there are some areas where the water is metered but not read - City owned buildings. These will now be read. J. Niemi mentioned that a 10% difference is usually acceptable for a municipality. E. Mahan will work with estimates for water used during hydrant flushing. The office will be doing a one (1) year study on this.

Managers Report:

None.

New Business:

J. Niemi distributed charts of water versus sewer usage. There was much discussion on the amounts.

A motion was made by J. Niemi, supported by G. Dembinski, the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 P.M. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 31, 2014 at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole Inman, Secretary