

Minutes  
Public Works Committee  
June 25, 2013

The City of Algoma Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at City Hall. Chairman Beyer called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

Roll Call:

Members present: Jan Dart, Kelly Koss, Dave Meyer, Hans Nell, and Roy Beyer.

Members absent: Lee Dachelet

Also present: Public Works Director Mark Lentz, Administrator Tom Reynolds, Troy Seidl, Andrew Reid, Ken Taylor, Mayor Wayne Schmidt, and Dick Riederer.

Chairman Beyer noted that the meeting was held in compliance with the open meeting law.

**Motion made by Dart seconded by Nell to amend the Agenda and move the discussion of Solid Waste and Recycling Conversion to Automated Collection after the Presentation and Approval of Bills. The motion carried.**

**Motion made by Dart seconded by Nell to approve the Minutes of May 20, 2013. The motion carried.**

**Public Comment:** None

**Presentation of and Approval of Bills**

Public Works Director Lentz presented the bills. **Motion made by Dart seconded by Koss to pay \$ 109,304.15 for the Feld Street Construction. The motion carried.**

**Motion made by Koss seconded by Dart to approve the rest of the bills. The motion carried.**

**Discussion of Old Business item: Solid Waste and Recycling Conversion to Automated Collection**

City Administrator Reynolds was given the floor to explain some details about trash pick up in Algoma.

Average cost for the sticker program is \$ 5.70 per month. That equals 2.85 stickers a month at \$ 2.00 per sticker.

The actual current cost for our current trash collection is \$ 10.69. This means we should be charging \$ 3.75 per sticker. That means that \$ 100,000 was taken from the tax levy in 2012.

The proposed new automated system:

Without Spring-Clean up would be \$ 12.34 per customer per month

With a Spring Clean up it would be \$ 12.96 per customer per month

Cost of Spring Clean up is \$ .63 per customer per month.

*Note: These are preliminary costs and not based on vendor quotes.*

If the trash/recycling program paid for itself, the tax levy would be reduced by about .88 mills.

**Moved by Dart seconded by Koss to request authorization from the City Council to solicit RFP's for both automated garbage and recycling pickup and for the same system we have now. The motion carried.**

### **Report on Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Troy Seidl of United Water presented the Wastewater Treatment Plant report. Troy highlighted several items.

- The Aluminum Sulfate pumping rate has been lowered due to low and stable Effluent Phosphorus values.
- We are not using as much polymer and Alum as previous years.
- An electrician was brought in to install more outlets in the lab.
- Final Clarifiers 1 and 2 have been taken out of service, at different times, for cleaning.
- United Water's Mechanical Services Personnel are onsite to evaluate the condition of existing equipment and make recommendations for immediate needs and future repairs or replacements.

### **Public Works Director's Report**

- During the past month there have been
  - Sidewalk removals and/or replacements
  - Curb and gutter repairs
  - Driveway approach and alley repairs
  - Manhole and catch basin repairs
  - Street pavement repairs
  - Street sweeping
- Two trucks are having mechanical issues and need repairing
- Street improvements on Mueller and Feld have been completed.
- Street Department employees are now certified for forklift operation
- Work has begun with Strand Associates on the ONR and FP.

### **Old Business**

1. ONR/Facility Plan Update: Information requests have been submitted and United Water is gathering the requested information. Strand coordinated a multi-jurisdictional conference call for the City of Algoma, during which we outlined our approach to the new permit limits. Time tables were also discussed, for which the DNR will respond with comments in the near future.

2. Update on Vac-Con Replacement Research: Discussion continue with two dealers; Vac-Con and Vactor. Mark explained that an allocation slot opened up with Vactor. For us to take this allocation slot would not mean any outlay of money but would enable us to save thousands of dollars in price increases should we decide to get a Vactor. **Moved by Koss seconded by Meyer to take the allocation slot offered by Vactor with the proper safeguards in place so that the City would not be bound by a purchase agreement. The motion carried.**

3. Review of draft code changes for 13.02 and 13.03 (sanitary laterals): Once again the draft code changes were discussed. **Moved by Dart seconded by Koss to approve the draft code changes for 13.02 and 13.03 and submit the changes to the City Council for their approval. The motion carried.**

### **New Business**

1. Sewer Credit Request: Received from Parks Department for \$ 92.08. **Moved by Koss seconded by Dart to approve the sewer credit request. The motion carried.**

2 Legion park Canon Restoration - Funding: Thanks to assistance from Joe Wiese and Dave Meyer the canon was sandblasted and painted. We were also able to recoup about \$ 2300 from the insurance company of the man who hit and damaged the canon. Donations will be solicited so that a proper plaque can be mounted by the canon explaining its history and so that a pad can be poured for the canon.

3. WWTP CMAR Distribution and Review: Special thanks to United Water for their research and diligent efforts to get the CMAR finished. This is the annual report of the WWTP for 2012.

The next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be on Tuesday, July 30, 2013 at 5:30 pm at City Hall.

**Moved by Nell seconded by Meyer to adjourn. The motion carried.**

The Public Works Committee adjourned at 6:47 pm.