

Minutes
Public Works Committee
February 25, 2014

The City of Algoma Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at City Hall. Chairman Beyer called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

Roll Call:

Members present: Jan Dart, Dave Meyer, Lee Dachelet, Hans Nell, and Roy Beyer.

Members absent: Kelly Koss

Also present: Mark Lentz, Administrator Jeff Wiswell, Troy Seidl, and Ken Taylor.

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

Moved by Nell, seconded by Dart to approve the Agenda. The motion carried.

Moved by Dart, seconded by Dachelet to approve the February 11, 2014 meeting Minutes.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Bills: Mark presented the bills. **Moved by Dart, seconded by Nell to approve the bills. The motion carried.**

Report on Wastewater Treatment Plant: United Water rep Troy Seidl gave the report

- Ground water intrusion remains a problem in the Alum storage room. The most effective solution appears to be to have a contractor dig next to the foundation to seal the leak from the outside. This work will have to wait until the weather permits.
- An incident of vandalism on January 12th caused some plant upset and affected the numbers for Ammonia, BOD and TSS which all rose on the days that followed. The process recovered quickly and no exceedances occurred as a result. Someone entered the fenced area of the facility and unwired three pieces of equipment. It was only after the electricians began to look into the problems that it was concluded this was a case of vandalism. Detailed reports may be available after the investigation is completed by the Sheriff's Department.
- Extreme cold weather has caused a number of problems at the WWTF. Most have been solved.

Troy was thanked for his report.

Public Works Director's Report: Mark Lentz offered the following report.

- The primary activities of the Street Department has been plowing, salting and snow hauling, as well as vehicle and equipment repairs.

- In a recent email from Strand Associates, the DNR has indicated that we "may" see our draft WPDES permit in July.
- A new fuel system at the Marina will not be installed. New EPA rules governing fuel systems along the Lake Michigan shore have changed dramatically. Any system improvement greater than 1000 gallon capacity will require spill containment and a recovery system for the fuel delivery vehicle. The cost of such additional work far exceeds the total cost of the system replacement.
- Guy Frenette and Kevin Stauber will be attending a comprehensive operations and maintenance training seminar for the new Vactor on March 17-18.
- Sunset Ave. Construction: Design work has been put on hold until spring when the snow has melted. Topographic survey work late last fall identified the potential for wetland disturbance along the northerly 1/3 of the project. The next step in researching this issue will be to delineate the wetland boundaries. Should the wetland disturbance exceed 10,000 square feet, we will likely need to cancel the project as proposed. If that happens, there are three alternatives that the PWC can consider:
 1. Change the project scope to improve Rabas from Mueller to Sunset
 2. Change the design parameters to simply re-grade Sunset, stabilize the base, replace culverts, and lay a 6-inch asphalt mat. This would be similar to the Feld Street improvements last year.
 3. Do nothing, and wait for future funding availability. This alternative will eliminate the state funding opportunity as reported during the budget process.

Mark was thanked for his report.

Old Business: None

New Business

A. Sewer Credit Requests - None

B. Staff Recruitment

***Closed Session: Moved by Dart, seconded by Dachelet to go into closed session per WI Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss employee recruitment. Roll Call vote: all yes
The motion carried.***

Moved by Dart, seconded by Dachelet to reconvene to open session per WI Statute 19.85(2)

Roll Call Vote all yes The motion carried.

Action from Closed Session:

Moved by Dart, seconded by Dachelet to have our City Administrator contact 3 individuals to arrange interviews on March 8, 2014 from 9 am to 11 am, for the position of Public Works Director. The motion carried.

Next Meeting: March 25, 2014 at 5:30 pm at City Hall.

Moved by Dart, seconded by Dachelet to adjourn. The motion carried.

The Public Works Committee adjourned at 6:50 pm.