

Minutes
Public Works Committee
August 26, 2014

The City of Algoma Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at City Hall. Chairman Beyer called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Roll Call:

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

Members absent: None

Also present: Mike Decur, Pete Haack, Jeff Hoffman, Troy Seidl, Nancy Johnson, and Jeff Wiswell.

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

Moved by Koss, seconded by Nell to amend the Agenda to do the WWTP rate analysis after the Approval of Bills. The motion carried.

Moved by Dart, seconded by Meyer to approve the July 29, 2014 Meeting Minutes.

Public Comment: None

Presentation and Approval of Bills

Mike Decur presented the bills for the Street Department and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. **Moved by Koss, seconded by Meyer to approve the bills as presented. The motion carried.**

2015 WWTP rate analysis The sewer and volumetric rates have remained the same since 2012. It is necessary to increase the rates to repay borrowing and prepare for needed upgrades. The Committee received much helpful direction from Nancy Johnson of Algoma Utilities. After much discussion **It was moved by Koss, seconded by Dart to recommend to the Personnel/Finance Committee to increase the sewer rate and the volumetric rate by 4% beginning in January 2015. The motion carried.**

Report on Wastewater Treatment Plant - United Water

Troy Seidl presented the report for United Water. Some of the highlights of his report included:

- Effluent quality for July was within the parameters regulated by our permit.
- A new pH probe was purchased and placed into service.
- Digester mixing pump 1 failed again. The problem was diagnosed as a broken motor shaft, the same problem that the pump had only a couple of months ago. The cause of the

failure is suspected to be over-torque. The gas compressor is rated at 10 hp while the motor the engineers have it connected to is 15 hp. The vendor Vacuum Pump and Compressor is looking into options that could prevent the same failures in the future.

- City employees removed the old fencing posts, delivered topsoil, gravel and removed two piles of anthracite that had been left in the lawn.

- A WDNR laboratory audit is scheduled for August 28, 2014. Such an audit is conducted on all facilities every three years.

Public Works Director's Report

Public Works Director Mike Decur presented his report. Major work activities during the past month have included:

- Pavement marking
- Sidewalk removal and replacement
- Street patching & repairs
- Storm sewer repairs/maintenance/cleaning
- Sanitary sewer maintenance/flushing
- Traffic Control placement/maintenance for Shanty Days
- Brush collection
- Street sweeping and beach cleaning
- Assisted Marina staff with maintenance and repair issues

Arbor Day ceremony is set for Saturday, September 13, 10:30 am at the Library, with a tree planting to follow at 11:30 at Peterson Park.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Budget Process - After reviewing the budget prepared by the Public Works Director, **it was moved by Dart, seconded by Dachelet to submit the budget to the Personnel/ Finance Committee with the recommendation to approve it. The motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sewer Credit Requests

a. 70 Crestview Ct. for \$ 48.10

Moved by Koss, seconded by Dart to approve the request. The motion carried.

b. 305 Arlington for \$ 371.45

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

2. Sidewalk request

a. 311 Frank Street - Individual wanted their sidewalk removed.

Moved by Koss, seconded by Dart to refuse the request. The motion carried.

The Committee was reminded that Ordinance 762 and hauler rates will be on the agenda for next month's meeting

Next Meeting Date: September 30, 2014 at 5:30 pm at City Hall.

Adjourn

Moved by Nell, seconded by Koss that the Public Works Committee adjourn. The motion carried.

The Public Works Committee adjourned at 7:05 pm