

OCONTO FALLS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
WATER & LIGHT ● SEWAGE DISPOSAL ● CABLE TELEVISION
MINUTES OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2018

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Oconto Falls Municipal Utilities Commissions was called to order in Council Chambers of the Oconto Falls Municipal Building, 500 North Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin, by President Kardoskee at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Patenaude, Anastasopoulos, Vowinkel, Coopman, and Kardoskee, present.

Also Present: Utility Manager Greg Kuhn, Customer Service Representative Kathy Sutrick, Justin Beaman, Loretta Shellman, Taryn Nall of Ruckert-Mielke, Inc., and Beth Julius.

MINUTES:

President Kardoskee asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, January 15, 2018 and the Special Meeting of Tuesday, January 16, 2018. Hearing none, President Kardoskee declared the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, January 15, 2018 and the Special Meeting of Tuesday, January 16, 2018 of the Oconto Falls Water & Light Commission accepted as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: December 2017

The Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2017 as prepared by Deputy Treasurer Eve Wallace was placed on file for future audit.

BILLS: It was moved by Patenaude, seconded by Coopman, that an order be drawn authorizing payment of payroll vouchers 102763-102791, accounts payable vouchers 023040-024098, and wire transfers 001138-001143. Roll call: Patenaude, Coopman, Anastasopoulos, Vowinkel, and Kardoskee, voting aye. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS AND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONS None

CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION:

Employee Recognition: Justin Beaman - 15 years of service - Beaman received a certificate as a token of appreciation. The Commission thanked him for his service.

Thank you card from Nancy Brye was presented to the Commission.

OFHS Scholarship Presentation – May 9, 2018 – The Commission was informed that scholarships will be presented to high school students on May 9, 2018. If anyone is interested in making the presentation, they should inform Kathy Sutrick so she can RSVP on their behalf.

Manager's Report – Greg Kuhn provided and commented on his written report.

Kuhn reported that there was a sewer main plugged on Oakland Ave. & Sherman St. Kardoskee questioned the amount of debris found in the pipes on Oakland Ave. & Sherman St. Kuhn replied there was a lot but not sure of amount; PLC will get the rest of the slimy sludge in the spring. Kuhn stated there will be a message on the bottom of the March 1st bill reminding people not to flush anything but paper products.

We had a sewer freeze last week at United Cooperative. It was their lateral that was frozen. We poured salt down the pipe and haven't heard back from them.

OLD BUSINESS

Wastewater

Sewer Rate Case - Taryn Nall presented the sewer rate case. The commission was given a packet with the suggested rate change. Coopman had concerns if lowering the surcharge of each service was a good idea. Coopman requested the sewer rate case be discussed in more detail at the next meeting. Nall stated he would bring figures to the next meeting.

Septage Receiving Station - Taryn Nall handed out a packet with information regarding the septage receiving station which included plans for the receiving station and estimates. The Commission will review the packet and discuss at a future meeting.

Common

SCADA Improvements - Kuhn presented information from Energenecs for the SCADA improvements for the water and wastewater. He also touched base on PJ Kortzen's. With an updated SCADA system, there will be no need

for weekend rounds. The Commission requested a third quote for the SCADA improvements. Kuhn will move forward and bring it back in 2-3 months.

Kuhn also stated that there is going to be fiber optic ran to all of our wells & the wastewater treatment plant. Packerland is getting us a quote for the cost.

NEW BUSINESS

Common

Easter Hams for Kingdom Come Food Pantry – For the past several years, the Utility has donated \$100 to Kingdom Come Food Pantry to be used for Easter hams. It was moved by Patenaude, seconded by Vowinkel, that the Utility again donate \$100 to Kingdom Come Food Pantry for Easter hams. Roll call: Patenaude, Vowinkel, Coopman, Anastasopoulos, and Kardoskee, voting aye. Motion carried.

Badger Girls Request for Donation – Loretta Shellman was on hand to discuss the donation request. The cost per girl has gone up \$30 over the last year, which makes it \$380.00 per girl. Shellman stressed the quality of the girls who attend, as well as how much they take away from the experience. It was moved by Coopman, seconded by Vowinkel that we continue to sponsor two girls to attend Badger Girls State. Roll call: Coopman, Vowinkel, Anastasopoulos, Patenaude and Kardoskee, voting aye. Motion carried.

Cable

New Fiber Line for Alternative School - The Oconto Falls School District wants to be allowed to install a new fiber line from the Oconto Falls Middle School to the Oconto Falls Alternative School located on Union Avenue. They would also like the Utility to take ownership of the fiber line. It was moved by Patenaude, seconded by Vowinkel to allow the Oconto Falls School District to run a new fiber line from the Oconto Falls Middle School to the Oconto Falls Alternative School with the Utility taking ownership of the fiber line once installed. Roll call: Patenaude, Vowinkel, Coopman, Anastasopoulos and Kardoskee, voting aye. Motion carried.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Sutrick

Customer Service Representative