



Minutes of November 5, 2013

A meeting of the Wausau Water Works Commission was called to order at 1:30 p.m. in City Hall on November 5, 2013. In compliance with Wisconsin Statutes, this meeting was posted and receipted for by the Wausau Daily Herald on October 29, 2013

1) Roll Call

Members present: President Tipple, Commissioners Otto, Rebman, Winters and Utilities Director Marquardt.

Others present: Dick Boers, Dave Erickson, Robert Thompson; Ken Ligman, Becher Hoppe Associates; Don Swailes, AECOM.

2) Approve Minutes of September 3, 2013

Motion by Mr. Rebman to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Otto. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Director's Report on Utility Operations.

- New heater installed at Well 6.
- Wausau Avenue break was a service leak under a storm sewer, which caused a road closure to complete the repair.
- Westrum Leak Detection completed a leak survey in October. We're happy to report that minimal leaks were found.
- Crews moved the pipe storage from under the Bridge St. bridge to its new location which is over between the water plant and meter shop.
- Preparing for winter operations.
- Staff attended WWA Conference where we had a tapping team compete. Finished in 3rd place overall. First time competing in a number of years. Deb also competed in a competition between Accountants and Engineers.
- Law went into effect regarding release of personal information on bills earlier this year. Many issues came up, causing a recent amendment to the law.
- Received a fluoridation award from State Dept. of Health.
- This past summer, a class from Viterbo University toured the water plant. A thank you note was sent from those attending the tour. Man of Honor Society also presented a certification of appreciation for the donation of Northwoods Mist.
- Staff has been working with Neptune on new meter reading technology. Original study came back showing the need for a larger number of collectors than had been anticipated. Staff reviewed the area where the highest turnover occurs and will be looking at that option as a starting point, until the entire City can be phased in.
- Discharge limit for monthly BOD is on track; however our Waste Load Allocation was exceeded for several days. Effluent meter was reading higher than influent. Determined that meter was reading high, and put another meter in the wier channel, and found that

the meters are now reading better.

- DNR conducted an audit of Wastewater lab. UWSP Intern walked through the process with the DNR rep.
- DPW doing a paving work which includes a section by the WWTP.
- Bar screen originally scheduled to be completed by November. Due to paving project, things have been postponed.
- Michel's Pipeline doing sewer rehab project.
- New jetter truck working well.
- Duke's Root Control, Inc. tried a new process to chemically remove roots from mains. Cost for the test was about \$5,000. Process will be evaluated in about six months.
- Annually participate in a survey called *The Cost of Clean*. Results showed that Wausau's sewer rates are quite low compared to other utilities of our size ranking 44th, or 7th from the lowest rates. Excerpts from the report were reviewed.

Motion by Mr. Winters to accept the Director's Report as presented and place on file. Seconded by Mr. Rebman. Motion carried unanimously.

4) **Certificate of Appreciation – George Million**

Certificate read by Director Marquardt and signed by members of the Commission. No other action taken

5) **Approval to Purchase Used Dump Truck - WWTP**

Dump trucks are used at the plant to haul sludge between the plant and the storage building. Trucks are older, but only used for short trips and therefore is causing a lot of repairs, including replacement of the brain box numerous times. Looking to purchase a 2001 Freightliner. Cost would be \$25,000. Will try selling old International at auction.

Motion by Mr. Rebman to authorize purchase of a used dump truck. Seconded by Mr. Otto. Motion carried unanimously.

6) **2014 Operating and Capital Budget**

Anticipate operating revenues and expenses to go up slightly for 2014, although the operating budgets did not change much from 2013. Capital budgets were reviewed.

Motion by Mr. Winters to approve the 2014 Operating and Capital Budgets. Seconded by Mr. Rebman. Motion carried unanimously.

7) **Report on Milwaukee Water Council Presentation – Keene Winters**

Keene Winters gave an overview of a presentation earlier this year on the Milwaukee Water Council which is a core of private industries who had a joint goal to make Milwaukee a leader in water technology. Felt that Wausau has an abundance of water, and that there were economic options for Wausau such as what Milwaukee has done.

8) **Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Mr. Rebman to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Otto. Motion carried unanimously.

/s/ Keene Winters

Secretary