

## **MINUTES OF THE WATER COMMISSION MEETING – JUNE 17, 2014**

### **Call to Order**

The Water Commission meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Kevin Coffey, Chair

### **Roll Call**

**PRESENT:** Kevin Coffey, Chair  
Tim Bevers  
Mark Gloudemans

**EXCUSED:** Tim Wegand  
Jason Wegand

**ALSO PRESENT:** Village President Michael Vanden Berg, MCO Rep. Jerry Verstegen, Village Administrator James Fenlon, Director of Public Works Roy Van Gheem, Finance Director Teri Matheny, Village Clerk Laurie Decker

### **Public Appearance for Items Not on the Agenda**

None

### **Approval of Minutes**

#### **Water Commission Minutes of April 15, 2014**

*Moved by Commissioner Gloudemans, seconded by Commissioner T. Bevers to approve the Minutes of April 15, 2014 as presented.*

All Ayes – Motion Carried

### **Discussion/Action—Discussion of a Utility Commission**

James Fenlon stated the Water Commission is an appointed commission that provides oversight to the Village's Water Utility. The powers of the commission are explicitly spelled out in the Village Ordinance. Based upon a recommendation from a Village Trustee and some initial research, the Village Board has discussed the utility of reshaping the Water Commission from a body that oversees the water utility, to one that would provide oversight and policy recommendations on all Village utilities. The Village Board is interested in fielding proposals that would increase this body's oversight on utility issues, mainly in the areas of storm water.

### **Progress Reports**

#### ***MCO Operations Update***

#### **Plants/Treatments**

- Softener inspections complete
- Well #1 auxiliary engines hard load test complete

#### **Distribution**

- Main Break
  1. 5-25-2014, 1004 Sheridan Court
  2. 6-03-2014, 1617 Franklin

#### **Meters**

- 210 Meters changed out to date

#### **General Water**

- Working with McMahons on chloride discharge study
- Unaccounted water loss update. Possible main break on Jackson Street and service leak off Woodland, causing between 50,000 and 80,000 gallons per day. Both fixed on 5-13-2014 and were found during a leak survey.

***Director of Public Works***

Mr. Van Gheem stated the issue of leaks is not from not looking. Every break, every defect acts differently especially in the winter. They are working on development projects for sanitary, storm, and water.

***Finance Director***

Teri Matheny stated there are more questions about the audit regarding individual customers within classification. She is working her staff to start accumulating that information but it is a very lengthy process. The PSC report is in and will have copies at next month's meeting.

**Discussion of 2015 MCO Contract Proposal**

In comparison with the 2014 contract, the 2015 contract proposal is fairly consistent in terms of direct and indirect labor, operation costs and health insurance. The one big difference to highlight is that this offer is for 10 years. This should be discussed as it is a different approach than used in past years.

**Approval of Vouchers**

*Moved by Chair Coffey, seconded by Commissioner Gloudemans to approve and authorize payment of the vouchers and draw from the respective funds.*

All Ayes – Motion Carried

**Unfinished Business**

None

**Items for Future Agenda**

Rate case

MCO Contract

Utility Commission

**Adjournment**

*Moved by Commissioner Bevers, seconded by Commissioner Gloudemans to adjourn the meeting at 7:07p.m.*

All Ayes – Motion Carried



Attest: Laurie Decker, Village Clerk

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By: Kevin Coffey, Chair