

# MINUTES OF THE UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 21, 2024

## Call to Order

The Utility Commission meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Kevin Coffey, Chair

## Roll Call

PRESENT: Kevin Coffey, Chair

Tom Buchholz

Jessica Schultz

Ken Verstegen

EXCUSED: Mike Vanden Berg

ALSO PRESENT: Kent Taylor, Lisa Remiker-Dewall, Beau Bernhoft, Jerry Verstegen with MCO

## Public Appearance for Items Not on the Agenda

None

## Approval of Minutes from the Utility Commission Meeting of April 16, 2024

*Moved by J. Schultz, seconded by T. Buchholz to Approve Minutes from the Utility Commission of April 16, 2024.*

All Ayes – Motion Carried

## Discussion – Nestle Meter Update

Director Remiker-DeWall provided a report with data on Nestle Meter usage.

## Discussion – Nestle Meter Placement

Kent Taylor, Director of Public Works, stated the Village's stance has been the meter is not in the correct location from the beginning. He discussed his interactions with meter manufacturer and sales representatives stating they agree it is not in the ideal location; however Nestle is their customer as well. They need to balance requests to provide information on this. There have been asterisks on the reads, signifying an error while monitored by Taylor. He is monitoring daily, today no asterisks. Reads are volatile and not reliable. Taylor is looking for direction from the commission on how to handle this situation. Coffey asked if another location for the meter was available. Taylor stated there is not a manhole right now that does not have turbulent flow from multiple directions to place the meter. Ideally, we would need to install a manhole downstream, one pipe in; one pipe out. At a rough cost of \$25K+. The Commission agrees it has not been reliable and should be moved to a new location. Discussions will take place with Nestle about relocating the meter. Nestle will always have the option to come before the commission to present their case and point of view.

## Discussion – 2023 Water Utility Annual Public Service Commission Report

Remiker-DeWall discussed the statistics and rate of return similar to previous year if removed impact of the water Utility now paying the correct sewer treatment rate. Work on finishing up the Sewer Rate Study then Water will be next, followed by Storm. Suggested Water will enter into a rate study in 2025 but not in 2024. Sewer Rate study is on hold waiting for PSC decision on HOVMSD complaint by Kaukauna. Once that has been decided, Trilogy will finish their report and send it to us for review/finalization.

## Progress Reports

**MCO Operations** – Kortens and Amplitel got us switched over to the Fiber Network. Entering the unknown on communications but everything so far is pinging well. Time will tell but so far is much quicker and looking good.

**Director of Public Works** – Evergreen Drive is closing out on Utilities in next two weeks, HWY OO sewer will be a lining for the problem area. HOVMSD Project is moving along. Bypass project is moving along and most of work in Little Chute will be in

**Finance Director** – CIP will be released for June 5 Village Board and will place on next Utilities Commission meeting

**Approval of Vouchers**

*Moved by T. Buchholz, seconded by K. Coffey, to Approve and Authorize payment of Vouchers and draw from the respective funds.*

All Ayes – Motion Carried

**Unfinished Business**

**Items for Future Agendas**

**Adjournment**

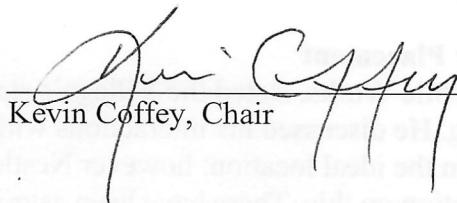
*Moved by K. Coffey seconded by J. Schultz to Adjourn Utility Commission Meeting at 5:26 p.m.*

**VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE**

Attest: Laurie Decker

Laurie Decker, Village Clerk

By:



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Kevin Coffey, Chair