



UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 28, 2024 at 8:30 AM

Village Hall, Community Room 2

8811 Campus Drive, Mount Pleasant, WI 53406

Staff Present: Public Works Superintendent Robert Bowers, Deputy Director of Public Works Linsey Weber, Engineering Technician Theresa Alvarez, Executive Assistant Whitney Hanson

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Taivalkoski called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

B. ROLL CALL

Executive Assistant Hanson performed the roll call. Trustee Anastasio, Trustee Washburn, Chairperson Taivalkoski, Commissioner Pucely and Commissioner Kryger were present.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

D. MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting of January 25, 2024

Motion by Trustee Washburn to approve the minutes of January 25, 2024 as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kryger. On voice vote, motion carried.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Sanitary Sewer Utility

a. None

2. Storm Water Utility

a. Discussion: Interference with Drainage & Control of Nuisance Animals

The commission carried on a discussion regarding beavers and other animals in the waterways throughout the Village. Temporary beaver culverts were placed in the Pike River but were eventually removed due to high maintenance and drainage issues caused to upstream subdivisions. Currently beaver dams are being removed by DPW staff as issues arise. Staff will continue to monitor animal activity and decide how to resolve on a case-by-case basis.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Sanitary Sewer Utility

a. Annual Capacity Usage Letter – Racine Wastewater Utility

The Commission was provided with the Annual Notice of Capacity Usage letter from the City of Racine and the response letter from Director Beyer. The Commission expressed their ongoing frustration with the City of Racine not allowing for meter areas to be lifted out of the sewer moratoriums in the Village.

2. Storm Water Drainage Utility

a. Respect Our Waters Annual Report

The Commission was provided with the annual report from Root-Pike WIN who partners with the Village to satisfy the public education outreach portion of the Village's MS4 permit requirements from the WDNR.

b. Resolution of City/Village Storm Sewer Ownership Conflicts

Village Staff received documents from the City of Racine regarding gray areas of storm sewer ownership facilities. The documents have been reviewed by the Village Engineering Department. The last response letter was sent to the City of Racine by Director Beyer on February 21st and there has been no further communication since that time. Staff will update the Commission if/when a response is received by the City of Racine.

c. MS4 Annual Report

The Commission was provided with the annual storm water monitoring report that was submitted to the WDNR. Motion by Trustee Anastasio to approve the MS4 Annual Report as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kryger. On a voice vote, motion carried.

G. STAFF REPORTS

1. Tony Beyer, Director of Public Works | Village Engineer

a. None

2. Linsey Weber, Deputy Director of Public Works

a. None

3. Robert Bowers, Public Works Superintendent

a. None

H. ADJOURN

Chairperson Taivalkoski adjourned the meeting at 9:20 AM.