

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KIMBERLY WATER COMMISSION

MARCH 31, 2009

Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Members present for roll call were Commissioners Johnson, Stienen, Strick and Chairman Price. Also present was Supt. Klein.

Commissioner Johnson moved, Strick seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2009 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Commissioner Strick moved, Stienen seconded the motion to recommend to the Kimberly Village Board that they award the contract for the 2009 Kimberly Avenue Watermain Project to Don Hietpas and Sons in the amount of \$162,094.25. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Commission. It was noted that the contractor wanted to start very soon, with a finish date well in advance of the 4th of July weekend, which was requested in the bid specs.

The Commission discussed the proposed stimulus projects for the Kimberly Water Utility. Staff has targeted the Third Street Project and the Anne Street/ Business Park Projects as the two which would be easiest to implement at this time. Funding is sketchy at best, with project awarding by the State required before moving forward. We are unsure of our chances; however we wanted to submit projects for consideration. Unfortunately, as the State of Wisconsin is administering the funding, they are using their archaic, bureaucratic methods for project submittal. It will also take about 10 hours of staff time, and about \$7,000 of engineering, just to submit projects to be considered. If we receive funding, it would be 50% of project cost, with the other 50% being a low interest Safe Drinking Water Loan Fund. After much discussion, the Commission would like to apply for the project, feeling 50% funding would reduce project costs and eventually free up funds to address our aging infrastructure. Commissioner Strick moved, Johnson seconded the motion to approve staff to proceed with an application for stimulus funding for the watermain relay projects. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board.

Supt. Klein noted that the water quality issue is improving, although ever so slowly. The one residence where a problem had persisted is now corrected with some internal plumbing. We have hydrant flushing coming up soon, which could also help with the issue. We have a plan in place to add extra chlorine and re-flush the problem area if normal flushing is not helpful. Administrator Hermus noted that President Kuen and some Village Trustees are also receiving complaints about the chlorine taste and smell. The Utility will put an article in the next *Kimtalk* explaining the issue to all customers so they are aware of the increase in chlorine use, and the fact that it is not harmful, and is working to correct a water quality issue in the system. The Commission shares the Board's concern and wants to confirm that they are working diligently to resolve the issue for the benefit of all water utility customers.

The Capital Improvement Program is being developed by the Superintendent. We will be looking at hybrid vehicles as there may be grants from WE Energies and the stimulus package.

Commissioner Johnson moved, Strick seconded the motion to approve the bills and claims for the month of March as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Commissioner Strick moved, Stienen seconded the motion to approve the financial statements for the month of March as prepared. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Commissioner Johnson moved, Strick seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Rick J. Hermus
Secretary