

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KIMBERLY WATER COMMISSION

MAY 26, 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, Stienen seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2009 Meeting as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Commissioner Strick moved, Stienen seconded the motion to approve Request for Payment Number One from Don Hietpas and Sons in the amount of \$97,150.80 for the Kimberly Avenue Watermain Project. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Commission. Supt. Klein noted that the project is ahead of schedule, and they are ready to pave the main trench as soon as the weather clears. It should be wrapped up by early June. The lateral connection to Sunset Park was explained to the Commission.

Administrator Hermus shared the minutes of the May 18, 2009 Village Board Meeting, at which time the claim of Appleton Papers for damage to a semi trailer that struck a terrace tree was denied. The trees along this corridor were trimmed prior to the project to meet the needs of semi truck traffic, and trucks safely passed this way for six days prior to this truck striking a tree.

Supt. Klein noted that community wide hydrant flushing is completed. It did report that testing results in the Paul Drive area were very positive for three weeks after the flushing. He and the engineer are still considering a higher chlorine level for a few hour period to see if this will help with the issue.

Commissioner Strick shared an incident with a neighbor who had black water from his hot water spickets. The rest of homes in the subdivision are fine, and the issue was confined to this home. Mr. Strick flushed his water heater, and the problem is resolved. He noted that his entire subdivision is plastic water mains, so it is not a water main issue. He shared this as it appears there is a problem with water heaters changing and causing some of the poor water quality in recent years.

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

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

Administrator Hermus informed the Commission that Operator Martzhal has passed his final certification. He will receive a commensurate increase in pay, as agreed to with his original offer of employment.

The utility staff discovered a tampered meter in May. Someone disconnected their meter, and installed a straight pipe. It was obviously done on purpose. An estimated bill was generated with the appropriate tampering fee (as established by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission). The water has also been turned off as they did not pay for the surreptitious water use as of last Thursday. By Wisconsin State Statute, customers are allowed 48 hours to pay for the surreptitious water use, or their water service can be terminated until payment is received. The Commission questioned if the homeowner was issued a citation. Administrator Hermus informed them that the issue was reported to the Fox Valley Metro PD for prosecution, and they were witnesses to the meter tampering when utility staff entered the home.

Paul Rettner of Paul Drive contacted a commissioner about the restoration from the 2006 water main project. Our policy was shared, noting that we restore up to one year after the project to allow for settling. We will work to provide some black dirt and seed, but the property owners will have to apply and water the area to bring it back. It was noted this restoration is three years old. This is the same policy we use for our street projects, sanitary sewer projects and mini-storm sewer projects.

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

Rick J. Hermus
Secretary