

Utility Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 15, 2011 –10:00 A.M.
Paul J Bertschinger Community Center
7860 Hwy 42, Egg Harbor, WI 54209

Present: Paula Cashin-Chair, Steve Carlson, TC Johnson, Adolph Walser, Josh Van Lieshout, Paul Peterson

Absent: Rocky Fairchild

Also Present: Tom Kispert-McMahon

1. Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda

Chair Cashin called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Approve May 18, 2011, Utility Committee Meeting Minutes In agenda item 4, second sentence after the word instruction replace the word by with be. Cashin moved to approve the minutes as amended, seconded Walser.

3. Open Session (Limited to Ten Minutes) Cashin stated the Board approved the ECMAR and complimented Paul Peterson for the good report.

4. Discussion regarding Utility Rates Cashin referenced the 2010 operating deficit of \$66,424. The number of online customers is approximately 800 and there are other dwellings not online. Cashin asked Van Lieshout to provide a definite number of both types of customers. Van Lieshout provided a sanitary rate comparison of neighboring communities. Some municipalities use a volume based rate and a fixed rate.

Van Lieshout stated the DNR averaged that a typical dwelling uses 400 g/day whereas the Village of Egg Harbor rates are based on 300g/day and provided a comparison of rates with other Door County municipalities. The comparison shows that the Village is at the low average.

Van Lieshout suggested that an increase of 5 cents per rate across the board would not be significant per household. A 4% increase per quarter would equal \$130 per household or an annual increase of about \$20. The seasonal quarterly rate would increase to \$72.66 per quarter.

When the Committee was asked to comment on the proposed increase, Johnson suggested waiting until the beginning of the 1st quarter 2012 would be better since there was recently a large tax increase to the residents. There was much discussion on how the operating costs could be met with rate increases. The discussion included closing the gap somewhat between what the seasonal customers pay as compared to the permanent residents. If the seasonal status was eliminated and all would pay the same rate. The cost to the permanent residents would decrease. Van Lieshout was asked to provide for the next meeting a count of permanent and seasonal customers for calculation of rate recommendations.

The rates for haulers were reviewed as compared to the neighboring communities. A 4% Increase for holding tank and septage customers are also being considered for recommendation to the Village Board.

5. Manhole Rehabilitation Peterson provided some pictures of four manholes to show how they are deteriorating. It can cost from \$125 to \$200 per foot to repair a manhole. It is estimated approximately six or seven will be repaired this year from the jetting budgeted monies. Peterson stated all manholes in the Village will need to be rehabilitated in the not too distant future including some that were built within the past three years. Tom Kispert stated an epoxy type coating would be helpful to

add longevity to the manholes. A quotation from Great Lakes TV and Seal that jets and maintains the manholes for the Village shows a unit cost of \$1215 per manhole for rehabilitation. The per foot cost estimated at \$125/per foot without using epoxy and \$245/ft. if epoxy is used.

Van Lieshout suggested setting up a data base to log and track maintenance issues per manhole, and suggested using GPS starting in 2012 with an engineering intern.

6. Plant Manager's Report

Peterson gave Plant Manager's Report. Peterson did not have his flow statistics for this meeting, but stated the plant is running good, effluent is running good. Flows are average for this time of the year.

7. Adjournment

Cashin moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m., Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Reported by, Patricia C. Gureski