

Oconto Utility Commission meeting minutes held on May 8, 2017

“Unapproved”

1. Meeting called to order by Mayor Heier at 8:03 a.m.
2. Roll Call: Members Present: Ron Filz, Earl Uhl, Steve VanCampenhout, Al Schreiber & Brian Vandenlangenberg. Others Present: Mayor Heier & Jeremy Wusterbarth.
3. Election of President: Filz nominated Schreiber and VanCampenhout seconded the nomination. Mayor Heier asked two more times for further nominations and none were presented. Motion by VanCampenhout seconded by Uhl to close the nominations.
M/C 5 ayes
Motion by Filz seconded by VanCampenhout to elect Al Schreiber as President for the Oconto Utility Commission.
M/C 5 ayes
4. Election of Vice President: Uhl nominated VanCampenhout and Schreiber seconded the nomination. Mayor Heier asked two more times for further nominations and none were presented.
Motion by Schreiber seconded by Filz to close the nominations.
M/C 5 ayes
Motion by Schreiber seconded by Uhl to elect Steve VanCampenhout as Vice President of the Oconto Utility Commission.
M/C 5 ayes
5. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Uhl second by VanCampenhout to approve of the agenda as presented. M/C 5 ayes
6. Approval of Meeting minutes from 3/6/2017: Motion by Filz second by Uhl to approve of the 3/6/2017 meeting minutes as presented. M/C 5 ayes
7. Discussion/possible recommendation on the following:
 - a. Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and sale of \$980,000 Waterworks and sewerage System revenue Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2017B: Jeremy thanked everyone for coming in. City has been talking about re-bonding for a while for some construction projects and equipment. This is a draft of the resolution and going to Council Tuesday night. This won't change rate increase. McDonald Street sanitary & the road; from Smith Avenue to Scherer Avenue be the first project, approximately a mile of sanitary sewer will have to be replaced along with the laterals that cost looking at about 1/2 a million. Water main on Lindsey Avenue has to be replaced from Madison Street to VanDyke; water main on Washburn same thing to VanDyke and sanitary on Mott Street that will have to be replaced from Charles to Mill Street, will be a little more expensive have to dig deeper. Those are high estimates if any money left over can use it for other projects. Looking at a simplified rate increase. Got

the auditors reports back looks good but will have Sara who is a CPA look at the language and make sure everything is ok. Jeremy will bring back to the next meeting. President Schreiber asked what the utilities debt is right now. Rebonded 14 million in 2012, approximately 3 million paid; approximately 11 million. Projects that have to get done. As soon as get approved from Council will get that mile of sanitary televised to see the condition of it would like to line a portion of it from the highway to the railroad tracks. To get a permit with the railroad is about \$10,000 a day hoping to not get that close to the railroad right of way. There is no public money from the DNR, just low interest rate loans and there is no safety funding for water and sewer.

Motion by VanCampenhout seconded by Uhl to recommend to Council to approve of Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and sale of \$980,000 Waterworks and sewerage System revenue Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2017B.

M/C

5 ayes

Addendum Item:

1. Discussion/possible recommendation/updates on the following:

a. Invoice from Water Well Solutions Phase 1 scope of work for Well #7 in the amount of \$8,500 to \$9,500: Well #7 is down right now due to the radium levels, found out that in the northeast region wells are starting to artesian. Well #7 has started to artesian here a couple of weeks ago. When not in use a lot of the wells go into artesian. How well #7 is there is a basement below that well next to the casing. When installed drilled a hole into the casing right below that suctioning plate of the floor and now that it is artesian coming out of that casing in the basement and going into the sump pit and of course that is an unsanitary condition and has to be taken care of immediately and is against the regulations of the Wi DNR. The last time the pump was pulled was in 2002, the proposal is to take the pump out and send it to Water Well Solutions, they will look it over let Jeremy know what would need to get repaired or not. Do a televise report go all the way down to the 531 depth of the well check the formations and come back with a recommendation of what will need to be done weather it is mechanical or chemical, do a CO2 burst down there to clean out those fractures, when clean out the sandstone fracture out hopefully give us a better abundance of water drawn up in there and help us out with the radian testing, so far that has come beck last two quarters look pretty good. The last two samples came back at 4.1 and 4.29 hoping that the third sample comes back under 4.5 have one more sample to grab under 4.5 and then can get that well back on line. This well probably has the lowest radian levels out of all 3 of the wells, but because we are trying to get it back into compliance the restrictions are a lot of tougher. Have to fix the condition that is there right now. The money will come out of the equipment repair fund.

Motion by Uhl seconded by Filz to recommend to Finance to approve of invoice from Water Well Solutions Phase 1 scope of work for Well #7 in the amount of \$8,500 to \$9,500.

M/C

5 ayes

8. Approval of accounts payable from March 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017 in the amount of \$129,752.11 & April 1, 2017 to April 30, 2017 in the amount of \$661,441.26: The reason April is so much paid debt payment in the amount of \$543,835.00.
Motion by VanCampenhout seconded by Uhl to approve of accounts payable from March 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017 in the amount of \$129,752.11 & April 1, 2017 to April 30, 2017 in the amount of \$661,441.26.
M/C 5 ayes

9. Next meeting date & time: As needed.

10. Adjournment: Motion by VanCampenhout seconded by Vandenlangenberg to adjourn @ 8:30 a.m.
M/C 5 ayes

Meeting minutes submitted by:
Julie Galik
Utility Clerk