

Minutes of the Oconto Utility Commission held on July 15, 2024

- 1.) Call meeting to order by Chairperson Vandenlangenberg @ 5:00 p.m.
- 2.) Roll Call: Members Present: Dan Zoeller, Brian Vandenlangenberg Earl Uhl, Ron Filz, Steve VanCampenhout , Utility Manager Matt Beekman, Mayor Martin
Also present: Superintendent of Public Works Jeremy Wusterbarth, Utility Clerk Megan Garrity and as recording secretary
- 3.) Approval of Agenda: **Motion by Filz, second by VanCampenhout to approve the agenda as presented.**

5 ayes M/C
- 4.) Approval of Meeting Minutes from 6/24/2024. **Motion by Uhl, second by VanCampenhout to approve of the minutes from 6/24/2024 as presented.**

5 ayes M/C
- 5.) Public Input: none
- 6.) Correspondence:
 - a.) Update Regarding WWTP Upgrades- Robert E. Lee- Josh and Dean came to talk about the WWTP plans and to answer some questions. There were lots of questions regarding how much higher the bid came in at and Josh stated that everything is higher than when they first got the estimate. Inflation has a big impact on prices. They also believe that the bid was higher due to the amount of work all companies have right now. Wusterbarth also asked for a more broken down item list of the pricing for the bids. Options on cost cutting was to do landscaping in house by the street and utility department, look at different trucking options, changing roofing plans, painting, asphalt was another area that options were needed to be looked at- county doing some of the work was mentioned. DNR permit was also another concern as to the deadline and if there is an option to get an extension on it. A meeting is getting set up with the lowest bid company, utility department, and Robert E. Lee to go over everything a little closer.
 - b.) Employee Input: Beekman talked about the water main break that happen on Brazeau Ave by Rivercity Dinner, the water main is failing and Beekman stated that it should be replaced before winter so it doesn't cause more problems, it's about 300 feet. Beekman also talked about Towerpoint wants to buy our Towers out, all agreed that it's not a good thing.
 - c.) Electrical Costs: No update.
 - d.) WWTP Flows: Little higher due to amount of rain but still normal.
 - e.) Septic Hauler Comparison: Everything is consistent and ordinary.
 - f.) Monthly Report: 113 new meters installed last month, averaging 6 per day.
 - g.) Conversation with Moonshot WI DNR for possible grant money: Meeting Wednesday July 17th @ 12:00 will have more information at the next meeting.
- 7.) Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:
 - a.) Approval of invoice from Robert E. Lee in the amount of \$13,354.50 for WWTP Improvements. **Motion by VanCampenhout, second by Uhl to approve invoice from Robert E. Lee in the amount of \$13354.50.**

5 ayes M/C
- 8.) Approval of Accounts Payable from July 18, 2024 to July 9, 2024 in the amount of \$84,737.05. **Motion by VanCampenhout, second by Zoeller t to approve of Accounts Payable from June 18, 2024 to July 9, 2024 in the amount of \$84,737.05.**

5 ayes M/C

- 9.) Revenue & Expenditures Guidelines from 2024: Everything looks good.
- 10.) Next Meeting Date & Time: Monday August 5th, 2024 @ 5:00 pm
- 11.) Adjournment: **Motion by Uhl, second by VanCampenhout to adjourn @ 6:13 p.m.**

5 ayes M/C

Meeting minutes submitted by: Megan Garrity, Utility Clerk