

**City of Stevens Point
Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners
September 12, 2022 - 12:00 PM
Stevens Point Public Utilities
300 Bliss Avenue, Stevens Point, WI**

OR

Zoom Teleconferencing

Meeting URL to connect: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82026885705>

Dial in number: (303) 715-8592

Meeting ID: 820 26885705

MINUTES

Discussion and Possible Action on:

1. Roll Call.

PRESENT: Carl Rasmussen, Ray Schmidt, Anna Haines and Mae Nachman

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Paul Adamski

ALSO PRESENT: Joel Lemke, Mary Klesmith, Chris Lefebvre, Craig Czaikowski, Eric Southworth, Jason Draheim and Jaime Zdroik

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mae Nachman, seconded by Anna Haines to approve the August 8, 2022 meeting minutes of the Board of Water & Sewerage Commission.

Ayes all. Nays none. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Department Claims

Motion made by Ray Schmidt, seconded by Anna Haines to approve the department claims for the month of August 2022 as audited and read.

Ayes all. Nays None. Motion carried.

4. Borrowing memo for annual reconstruction needs - Joel Lemke

Joel explained this will be going to the Finance Committee tonight. Joel stated the City as a whole has committed to doing larger infrastructure projects every year. Our goal is to replace 1% of the infrastructure every year. By doing this we have a 100 year life cycle of our infrastructure. We are not here yet, even with how aggressive we have been with our infrastructure projects the past few years. The pace of the infrastructure projects has drawn our cash down. The cost of construction increased considerably in 2022 and it is believed that this trend will continue.

Joel prepared an estimate that includes two years of capital improvement needs for the utilities, as it relates to our annual reconstruction needs and for the construction activities at Well 4 for the improvements related to Well 12. Water Capital needs: Annual Reconstruction \$2,700,000, Well 12 Efforts \$1,600,000 for a total of

\$4,300,000; Sewer Capital needs: \$2,800,000, and Storm Capital needs \$3,400,000. Joel is requesting that these amounts be included in the annual debt issuance process with the City.

Joel explained that we will also be proposing rate increases later this year or early next year.

Motion made by Mae Nachman, seconded by Anna Haines to approve borrowing for the annual reconstruction needs for the utilities in the amounts as follows; Water Capital needs for Annual Reconstruction \$2,700,000 and for Well 12 \$1,600,000; Sewer Capital needs \$2,800,000 and Storm Capital needs \$3,400,000. These amounts will be included in the annual debt issuance process with the City.

Ayes all. Nays none. Motion carried.

5. Water Supply and Distribution Reports - Eric Southworth

Eric stated monitoring well sampling was completed and results received from the UWSP labs. In August we tested our large meters. We are currently working on and testing an online meter exchange scheduling portal for our customers.

6. Sewage Treatment Operations Report - Chris Lefebvre

Chris stated the WWTP met all permit levels as required by the DNR for the month of August. We had a tour of our plant and the new wastewater drying complex last Friday for the WWOA (Wisconsin Wastewater Operators Association).

7. Construction and Maintenance Report - Craig Czaikowski

Craig stated the crew is still working on lead service replacement. They will continue working on this through the end of October. We will be installing some fiber optic in preparation for Well 12. Another swaling project will be done on Indiana Ave and Harmony Lane in cooperation with the Town of Hull.

8. Community Area Network Report - Joel Lemke

Joel stated they are continuing to prepare estimates for interested parties.

9. Directors Report - Joel Lemke

Joel explained that part of our DNR Permit requires education and outreach. We will be engaging with Recycling Connections on education and promotions on solid waste and rain gardens.

We will also be initiating conversations with property owners in regards to Well 12 and possible land acquisitions.

It is the 100th Anniversary of the water utility being purchased by the City.

10. Adjournment.

Motion made by Ray Schmidt to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes all. Nays none. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:36PM