

**City of Stevens Point
Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners
February 12, 2024 - 12:00 PM**

**Stevens Point Public Utilities
300 Bliss Avenue, Stevens Point, WI**

OR

Zoom Teleconferencing

Meeting ID: | 820 26885705

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MINUTES

Discussion and Possible Action on:

1. Roll Call.

PRESENT: Paul Adamski, Carl Rasmussen, Anna Haines and Ray Schmidt

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Mae Nachman

ALSO PRESENT: Joel Lemke, Jennifer Schmeiser, Eric Southworth, Chris Lefebvre, Shane Kohnen, Jason Draheim, Ald. Lang and Jaime Zdroik

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Anna Haines, seconded by Ray Schmidt to approve the January 8, 2024, meeting minutes of the Board of Water & Sewerage Commission.

Ayes all. Nays none. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Department Claims

Motion made by Carl Rasmussen, seconded by Anna Haines to approve the department claims for the month of January as audited and read.

Ayes all. Nays none. Motion carried.

4. Commission Compensation - Joel Lemke

Joel was asked to bring information to the meeting about increasing the monthly stipend.

Paul asked if the COLA for 2023 and 2024 were applied to their stipends without them voting on it. Joel explained that the COLA was applied to all employees through our financial software without realizing that it had actually applied to the Commissioners' monthly stipend as well. Joel also explained the COLA for 2022 which was 2.30% was not added to the stipend. If the COLA was applied in 2022, the current annual compensation would be \$966.75 and \$810.26 for the President and Commissioners respectively.

The Commissioners like the COLA approach of increasing the monthly stipend but would like to be notified of what the COLA increase will be. If this route is taken, they wouldn't have to revisit the Commission compensation increase every few years like they have in the past.

Motion made by Anna Haines, seconded by Ray Schmidt to approve the adoption of increasing the stipend for the Commission President to \$966.75 and Commissioners to \$810.26 with a COLA adjustment every year thereafter, in accordance to what is approved for all City employees annually.

Ayes all. Nays none. Motion carried.

5. Water Supply and Distribution Reports - *Eric Southworth*

The pumpage reports were reviewed by the Commission. Eric stated he had nothing to add.

6. Sewage Treatment Operations Report - *Chris Lefebvre*

Chris stated the WWTP met all permit requirements for January. He stated we have someone interested, on a temporary basis, in our Class A biosolids for agricultural fertilizer. We won't know if this will be permanent until late spring or early summer.

7. Construction and Maintenance Report - *Shane Kohnen*

Shane stated the crews are working on typical winter operations. They are doing the tree cutting by the tower.

8. Directors Report - *Joel Lemke*

Joel stated there was a public informational meeting at the Town of Hull for the project in the area of Regent, Golla & Joe Streets where the City is doing some development. We will be running utilities through the Town of Hull on Joe Street to get to the City's property for that development. There will be deferred assessments levied against the Town of Hull properties for when they would have to connect to the City. At that time, they'd pay for the utilities that were installed.

9. Adjournment.

Motion made by Ray Schmidt to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes all. Nays none. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:20PM