

**City of Stevens Point  
Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners  
May 12, 2025 - 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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Joel Lemke, Jennifer Schmeiser, Eric Southworth, Shane Kohnen, Chris Lefebvre, and Jaime Zdroik

**EXCUSED ABSENCE:** Mae Nachman

#### **2. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** made by Carl Rasmussen, seconded by Anna Haines to approve the April 14, 2025 meeting minutes of the Board of Water & Sewerage Commission.

***Ayes all. Nays none. Motion carried.***

#### **3. Approval of Department Claims**

**Motion** made by Anna Haines, seconded by Carl Rasmussen to approve the department claims for the month of April 2025 as audited and read.

***Ayes all. Nays none. Motion carried.***

#### **4. Water Supply and Distribution Reports - *Eric Southworth***

Eric stated that April was a wet month and the mill was offline for a couple of days, so that is probably why the usage is down from last year. Annual hydrant flushing starts tonight and goes through Thursday night. Next week, our annual leak detection services will come in and listen to all of our hydrants to help detect leaks throughout the system.

#### **5. Sewage Treatment Operations Report - *Chris Lefebvre***

Chris stated that the WWTP met all permit requirements for the month of April. Everything is running well. Our influent flows were up quite a bit due to the rainfall in April. We did have our DNR Inspection. This is done every three years. We were in

compliance. We do need to add our overflow emergency response plan to the CMOM document, but that was the only deficiency found.

**6. Construction and Maintenance Report - *Shane Kohnen***

Shane stated he had nothing to add to his written report other than to explain he had the water main breaks added as high-impact leaks due to the impact they had on traffic since they were on Church Street.

**7. Directors Report - *Joel Lemke***

Anna asked Joel to give an update on fluoride in our drinking water. Joel stated we need to wait and see what requirements will come our way with regard to whether we continue or discontinue adding fluoride to our water system. We aren't required to fluoridate our water, we do it as a community and it is a community decision. We started fluoridating our water in the 50's per Council action and then stopped by referendum. In the mid to late 70's, we started again through Council action, and we've been doing it ever since. As regulations change, we will obviously follow them.

The June 9, 2025 Commission meeting is canceled. The next meeting will be July 14, 2025.

**8. Adjournment.**

**Motion** made by Ray Schmidt to adjourn the meeting.

***Ayes all. Nays none. Motion carried.***

**Meeting Adjourned: 12:14 P.M.**