

City of Stevens Point
Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners
February 8, 2021 - 12:00 PM

Meeting will be held via a Zoom Meeting URL to connect:
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Discussion and Possible Action on:

1. Roll Call

Present: Paul Adamski, Carl Rasmussen, Mae Nachman, Anna Haines, and Ray Schmidt

Staff Present: Joel Lemke, Mary Klesmith, Chris Lefebvre, Eric Southworth, Jason Draheim, and Jaime Zdroik

Also Present: Angel Gebeau of AECOM, and Bud Flood, resident

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Carl Rasmussen, seconded by Anna Haines to approve the January 11, 2021 meeting of the Board of Water & Sewerage Commission.

Ayes all. Nays none. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Department Claims

Motion made by Mae Nachman, seconded by Carl Rasmussen to approve the department claims for the month of January 2021 as audited and read.

Ayes all. Nays none. Motion carried.

4. Commission compensation. - Joel Lemke

Paul asked Joel to place this item on the agenda. Joel's letter states the Commission compensation has not increased since 2014. In 2014 it had been 8 years since the last increase. The action of the Commission at that time, was to adjust compensation to an average of 2% per year to account for inflation over those years.

Paul recommends we agree to increase the Commission Compensation to those listed in Joel's letter. Commission President would go from \$751.68 annually to \$863.44 annually and Commission Members compensation would go from \$630.00 annually to \$723.67 annually, representing a 2% increase over 7 years.

Anna Haines questioned what the rationale is for getting paid to be on the Commission. Joel stated it is actually part of the City charter. The Utility Commission has a lot of fiduciary responsibility overseeing Water, Sewer, Storm, CAN(Fiber), and Airport. Paul said he has been on the Commission for over 30 years and was surprised at first when he received compensation. He believes there is probably a State regulation wanting this Commission to be independent of the people whom get voted into office by the Mayor. The increase is a very conservative increase.

Motion made by Carl Rasmussen, seconded by Anna Haines to approve the increase of the Commission Compensation as follows; Commission President from \$751.68 to \$863.44 annually and Commission Members from \$630.00 to \$723.67 annually.

Ayes all. Nays none. Motion carried.

5. Water Supply and Distribution Reports - Eric Southworth

Eric stated that the repiping project at Well 7 is complete and it is back online. Eric provided a Well 4 update stating they are hoping the D.N.R. approves the new well site this month. If that happens, the test well that needs to be drilled to make sure we have good quality water would be designed in March. Then D.N.R. approval for the test well would be this summer and we would actually drill the well in fall. The project is slow moving. The well itself would cost approximately \$250,000. Eric also stated there was \$700,000 budgeted for this project.

6. Sewage Treatment Operations Report - Chris Lefebvre

Chris stated the WWTP met all permits for the month of January 2021. The biogas engine was down for rebuild so we did not produce electricity during the month. We were able to utilize the biogas to run our dryer as well as heat some buildings but only produced about 30% of our total heat consumption onsite. Hopefully the generator will be back up and running by the end of the month.

7. Construction and Maintenance Report - Craig Czaikowski

Joel stated the crews have been busy with checking hydrants and wintertime maintenance.

8. Community Area Network Report - Joel Lemke

We have our final billing which takes us up to the contracted amount of \$1.59 million for the school fiber project, so that is complete.

9. Directors Report - Joel Lemke

Nothing discussed.

10. Adjournment

Motion made by Anna Haines to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes all. Nays none. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:32PM