

January 15, 2013

The regular meeting of the Yorkville Sewer Commission was called to order by President Peter L. Hansen at 7:00 PM, January 15, 2013 in the Yorkville Board Room, 925 15th Avenue, Union Grove. Present were President Hansen, Commissioners Johnson and Gruhn, Utilities Manager Hanson, Attorney Pruitt, Engineer Madsen and the Clerk-Treasurer. Absent were Commissioners Robers and McMahan.

Minutes of the December 18th meeting were approved as printed on a motion from Commissioner Johnson, second by Commissioner Gruhn and motion carried.

The financial report was accepted as presented on a motion from President Hansen, second by Commissioner Johnson and motion carried.

Invoices in the amount of \$38,959.93 were approved for payment after an explanation of the Reesman Excavating billing being for the entire 2012 year of sewer line repairs according to Utilities Manager Hanson. A motion to approve payment was then made by Commissioner Johnson second by Commissioner Gruhn and motion carried.

Attorney Pruitt was present to present his findings on recent action and comments made relative to our WPDES Permit request for the Town of Yorkville Sewer Utility District No. 1. A letter came about after meeting with Attorney Paul Kent in Madison along with Jay Kemp of AECOM, Project Manager and himself. Mr. Kent is an experience attorney who represents other solid waste exporters needing discharge permits. A copy of the letter to the DNR was made available to each commission member which outlined comments on the draft permit with the highlights being 1. Stream Classification and Impact on Water Quality Effluent limits, 2. Interim Limits for Phosphorus and 3. Permit limitation for zinc. All items were discussed and questions answered from commissioners by Mr. Pruitt and the utilities manager, Hanson. The final conclusion was that we want a sit down meeting with the DNR with our petition for review.

One major item of interest was that the DNR members were shown an aerial view of the surrounding area and they identified the golf course as a possible user of affluent for spraying for their irrigation purposes. The only drawback might be residences in the area and the impact on them but with the lack of residences in the immediate area, the commission felt it might bear looking at this idea. We would need to put in a holding reservoir or a W-3 pumping station if this were to take place. We would also need to obtain ballpark estimates as to a cost of this. Hanson will talk with Jay Kemp relative to this. The final discussion centered on the thought that we want to stall the decision of the DNR as long as possible and not have them act too soon with new regulations.

Engineer Madsen reported the clarifier repairs have essentially been completed today but it is not functional yet due to missing a spacer part on the clutch assembly for the motor. The unit is all installed with new chain, bearing, sprockets, I Beams etc. and ready to go once the missing spacer is found. Bane & Nelson hope to obtain the part within a couple of days and get the clarifier operational once again.

Utility Manager Hanson then introduced Nick Nogalski, CSP, PE from Merz Aesthetics Who would like to address the Commission tonight relative to his firm's request an increase in the daily wastewater discharge limit from his facility located at 13900 Grandview Avenue. Mr. Nogalski had contacted Hanson relative to a meeting to discuss this information but due to recent hospitalization of Mr. Hanson, his appearance at the commission meeting went unnoticed. Hanson apologized for this and the Commission allowed his presentation but with the understanding that there would be no formal action taken this evening on their request. Nogalski told of Merz Aesthetics experiencing an increased product demand leading to increased production and staffing levels with their request being to raise their discharge limit from the present 1,600 gallons/day to 4,300 gallons/day. He presented background information on the firm and answered all questions on the firm and its manufacture within the aesthetics industry such as dermal fillers. At the present time all process water is being trucked off site. Utilities Manager Hanson reports there is no significant change in the concentration in the discharge. Hanson had talked with Nogalski and told of possible granting of discharge to our sewer facility would most likely require everything going through a flow meter plus an auto sampler being in place to allow us to measure compliance, etc.

Utilities Manager Hanson would like to look at current list of restrictions they are working under and put together an updated list for possible new discharge permit from us. Nogalski said their firm would comply with the need for a flow meter as well as sampler being installed in order to increase their discharge. The Merz Aesthetics request for increase in wastewater discharge will be on the February 19th agenda for action at that time.

Utilities Manager Hanson reports the recent finding of a leak in our sewer line on private property at the motel at 910 South Sylvania Avenue. The leakage is presumed to be ten gallons a minute and we must get Reesman's to make repairs on it. The owner of the property is to be responsible for repairs such as this. Attorney Pruitt will check on this requirement.

Engineer Madsen told of having done the sewer rate evaluations previously and presenting a copy of his findings last month. The ordinance will need to be changed before any increase in rates may be done with the March 31st sewer billing to notify property owners in the district of a change in billing amounts. Attorney Pruitt will need to get changes ready for the ordinance and hopefully be ready to increase rates with the June 2013 billings.

Engineer Madsen also reminded the commission members of the upcoming reconstruction of the I-94 and STH20 intersection and its impact on our sewer utility outfall line going east under the I-94 roadway

With no further business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Johnson moved to adjourn, second by Commissioner Gruhn and the motion carried. President Hansen then adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM.



Judy Simone, Clerk-Treasurer