

August 20, 2013

The regular meeting of the Yorkville Sewer Utility was called to order by President Peter L. Hansen at 7:00 PM, August 20, 2013 in the Yorkville Town Board Room, 925 15th Avenue, Union Grove. Present were President Hansen, Commissioners Gruhn, McMahon, Robers and Johnson, Utilities Manager Hanson, Engineer Madsen and the Clerk-Treasurer.

Minutes of the July 16th meeting were approved as printed on a motion from Commissioner Robers, second by Commissioner Gruhn and motion carried.

The financial report was approved as presented on a motion from Commissioner Robers, second by Commissioner McMahon and motion carried.

Invoices in the amount of \$26,475.78 were approved for payment on a motion from Commissioner McMahon, second by Commissioner Robers and motion carried.

Mirko Lakic, owner of Travelodge Racine, 910 So. Sylvania along with his daughter was present to file their comments on the recent increase of sewer charges for all users of the facility. Mirko stated he had not received the original notice of increase or he would have challenged it then rather than waiting until now when the second quarter charges are due. He told of his occupancy rate for the motel and presented a monthly summary report for the motel showing the 50 room motel's occupancy daily rate for each month. Lakic also told of when he opened the motel in 1995 the Yorkville Town Chairman and Town Engineer told him that when more businesses came into the Hwy 20 and I-94 area the sewer rates would decrease. Engineer Madsen reported on how the current rate had been determined with using \$40/quarter for REU monthly rate. Discussion followed as to Lakic only having 50 rooms and showing less than a 50% occupancy rate. Madsen told of using the same REU rate for everybody when they were tasked with updating all information. Utilities Manager Hanson noted that if the motel had one hundred guests we would have to be able to maintain our service and treat the water and waste for that many guests. Lakic's original billing of \$900 per quarter has not been changed since the opening of the business and Engineer Madsen will research the original data on which that charge was based. He also agreed to investigate the two motels on the East Side of I-94 relative to their original rates while in our sewer district. Various points were brought up relative to increasing costs for permits as well as operating costs for the district which has never had a rate increase since the opening of the utility back in 1981. This item will appear once again on next month's agenda with Lakic to be notified of the date and time.

Utilities Manager Hanson reports twenty five homes have been inspected by Culligan with softeners checked with a second notice being sent to remaining homeowners that the inspection must be made. This second notice will be followed with a mandate from our

Attorney. The sampling program for businesses has been going very well with only nine remaining businesses to sample yet for chlorides in wastewater.


Nick Carriker, Water Utility worker, was injured on his full time job and has been off for three weeks with another five to six weeks longer needed to heal. Paul Richter has been hired to work with us doing some of Nick's work and then will be involved with automatic water meter installations for a portion of the businesses.

Utilities Manager Hanson reports the lawnmower engine has failed and it was found the engine needed to be replaced at a cost of \$ 3500. Central Saw advised the department to install a new engine in the mower rather than replace the mower for \$15,000.

Engineer Madsen reports only nine more businesses to sample in the park at which time we may resample some. The clarifier has once again lost a bolt and hopefully we are getting the new piece of equipment to "find its place".

The clerk reports she has moved the funds in the amount of \$3534.00 into the special account named replacement funds which is an annual requirement and must be reported on the CMAR report.

With no further business to come before the meeting, Commissioner McMahon moved to adjourn, second by Commissioner Johnson and motion carried. President Hansen then adjourned the meeting at 7:35PM.



Judy Aimone, Clerk-Treasurer