

Town of Menasha Utility District Commission Regular Meeting  
Municipal Complex - Assembly Room - Monday, February 11, 2008

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Arden Tews called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Backman took roll call and present were Commissioners McQuillan, Hanson, McNamee and Youngquist. Also present were Administrator Sturgell, Finance Dir. Piergrossi, Com. Dev. Dir. Dearborn, Secretary Backman, Engineer Werner, Accts. Mgr. & Deputy Treas. Pagel, Wastewater Supt. Laabs, Water Supt. Roth, Bill Ottow, Barb Knaack, Jay Schroeder, Melvin Schultz, Penny Troiber, Dennis Gerhart, Mike Dillon, Pat Dobberke

2. AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Pat Dobberke, Palisades Lane, discussed concern and her feeling of unfairness for the proposed reduction of impact fees.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) 080211-1:UD Expenditures

MOTION: McQuillan/Hanson to approve the expenditures as submitted. Motion carried.

7. ORDINANCES/POLICIES/AGREEMENTS

a) 08121-1:UD:ORD Amend Town of Menasha Municipal Code Chapter 28.31 Capital Cost, Replacement, Connection Fees and Impact Fees - Second Reading and Adoption

President Tews announced that although the ordinance was on the agenda for a second reading and adoption, Administrator Sturgell recommended that Board members table the ordinance or go to a third reading as he was awaiting additional information from the Town's Attorney.

MOTION: McQuillan/McNamee to approve the second reading only.

Commissioner Youngquist expressed opposition of the proposed deferral of the fees, and stated he felt unfairness to those who have paid the fee in the past and would pay the fee in the future. He felt the fee was reasonable, not excessive, will not 'make money' for the Town, and there was no need for reduction.

President Tews admitted he was also struggling with this proposed reduction.

Commissioner McQuillan commented that it is worthwhile to discuss details because fees are different than assessments and the laws are unique for each. She stated she was thankful and appreciative for the board members to have thought of all scenarios and agrees with taking the time to have a second reading only this evening.

Barb Knaack, Irish Road, wanted clarification of the potential delay with the second reading of the ordinance and Administrator Sturgell explained he was awaiting answers regarding public input and a public hearing; asked Comm. Dev. Director Dearborn whether impact fees were affecting business and development in the Town; she stated a major developer had left the Town.

William Ottow, Dunning Street, spoke of CB Park remaining town property, and bantering that occurred between the townspeople and the Town over this land. President Tews noted that when the lateral was run through CB Park, it saved the Town residents several hundred thousand dollars.

President Tews suggested residents express their concerns to the Administrator, and further commented that someone must pay impact fees and they should be paid by those who would benefit from it.

On the second reading only, motion carried 4-1 with Comm. Youngquist voting NO.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting - January 21, 2008

MOTION: Hanson/McQuillan to dispense with the reading of the above minutes and approve as submitted.

Motion carried.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

a) 2007 Industrial Surcharges

b) Water Main Breaks Report - January 2008

c) Water Pumpage Report - January 2008

MOTION: McQuillan/Hanson to accept the correspondence as submitted.

Commissioner Youngquist questioned the high industrial surcharges for SCA in Nov. and Dec., and Supt. Laabs explained. On the motion, motion carried.

10. REPORTS

a) President Tews: Announced the Town meetings broadcast time change to 8:00 p.m. on Fridays.

b) Wastewater Superintendent Laabs: Midway Road Reconstruction Project - Supt. Laabs stated workers replaced 2 manhole covers; performed televising.

Commissioner Hanson inquired about the status of the August Winters' invoice. Finance Director Piergrossi stated she had been in contact with August Winters on the issue of payment to the Town. Staff inquired as to whether reimbursement could be in exchange for other work currently being done by the firm. Piergrossi stated yes, it was merely an issue in the bookkeeping process.

11. MOTIONS BY COMMISSIONERS

12. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:29 p.m., MOTION: McQuillan/Hanson to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Backman, Secretary