

Town of Menasha  
Utility District Commission Regular Meeting  
Municipal Complex - Assembly Room - Monday, June 23, 2008

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

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 President Tews, Commissioner Gerhart, Commissioner Hanson Commissioner Ziegler and Commissioner Youngquist.

Also present were Administrator Sturgell, Finance Dir. Piergrossi, Com. Dev. Dir. Dearborn, Engineer Werner, Wastewater Supt. Laabs, Water Supt. Roth, Barb Knaack, Pat Dobberke, Penny Troiber, Patti Haase, Claude Foster, Paul Eisen. Excused was Accts. Mgr/Deputy Treas. Pagel.

2. AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS

3. PUBLIC FORUM

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) Water & Sewer Connection Ordinance Amendment: Administrator Sturgell opened the discussion.

Water Superintendent Roth presented the water testing packages available. Currently, DNR requires testing for bacteria, e-coli, and arsenic for private wells. Staff suggested should water and sewer mains be constructed along a property and the property owner has not hooked up to the system, and should there be a land sale, the well must be given a more in-depth water test to include phosphates, nitrates and a mineral scan. Samples would be taken by the company who would go out to the home to obtain it.

President Tews noted the water quality testing proposed is assurance for the next homeowner moving in of good water. He then proposed an amendment to the ordinance to address homes more than 200 ft. from the property line; if their water quality test failed, then the property owner would have a choice to hook up to the water main or drill a new well.

Finance Dir. Piergrossi asked if drilling the second well in close proximity would result in the same problem as the original well (bad water), and Engineer Werner said yes, it was a possibility.

Claude Foster, Irish Rd., stated his setback is about 350 ft. and felt the cost of drilling a new well to be much cheaper than hooking up.

Patti Haase, E. Shady Ln., asked why there would be a more extensive test versus a basic test every 3-years, and Administrator Sturgell stated that was yet to be determined; asked about setbacks in the ordinance, President Tews stated he suggested adding the 200-foot setback.

Ms. Haase also asked how often the Utility District tested their water. Water Supt. Roth stated weekly testing is conducted for bacteria and e-coli, along with another list of tests which must be performed annually at a cost of approximately \$3000. The annual list of tests changes each year. All are conducted according to DNR requirements.

Dale Knaack, Irish Rd., asked how to determine the setback and stated his lot was unique; Water Supt. Roth stated the Utility Dept. could identify each property, from the property line to the well, and added that the ordinance could contain a clause for the septic as well if the Board desired it.

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) 080623-1:UD Expenditures

MOTION: Youngquist/Ziegler to approve the expenditures as submitted with the exception of none.  
Motion carried.

7. ORDINANCES/POLICIES/AGREEMENTS

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting - June 9, 2008

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

9. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Water Main Breaks Report - May 2008

MOTION: Youngquist/Ziegler to accept the correspondence for filing as submitted. Motion carried.

10. REPORTS

a) Wastewater Superintendent Laabs: During the June storm event, there had been no backups or insurance claims reported.

11. MOTIONS BY COMMISSIONERS

12. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:37 p.m., MOTION: Youngquist/Hanson to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Backman, Secretary