

Town of Menasha Utility District Commission Regular Meeting
Municipal Complex - Assembly Room - Monday, September 8, 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, Accts. Mgr/Deputy Treas. Pagel, Wastewater Supt. Laabs, Barb Knaack, Mike Dillon, Clarence Peterson, Paul Eisen, Dale McNamee, Lisa Howard, Michael Hanten of Clean Water Testing, P. C. News Reporter Mike King. Excused was Water Supt. Roth. Not present: Town Engineer Werner

2. AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS

a) Well, Septic Tank, Mound System Testing Procedures - Michael Hanten of Clean Water Testing, LLC
Mr. Hanten gave a presentation on bacteria, nitrate, arsenic and well inspections. Examples of various well inspections were shown. Explained was the proper installation of wells, proper setbacks, conducting searches of un-used wells, educating homeowners about wells, and shown were pictures of bad wells/installations. He further explained maintenance of wells by the home owner, mound systems and how they work. Mr. Hanten explained how test results are interpreted when finding bacteria, nitrate, and arsenic, the problems and solutions, and new casing requirements for wells within arsenic areas. One alarming fact presented was the state of Wisconsin has the highest arsenic levels found in the world, and showed a map of the arsenic advisory areas that included areas north and south of Lake Winnebago.

Some changes to well inspections by the DNR as of June 1, 2008 included: well inspectors need to be licensed, but plumbers need not be licensed, minimum requirements for water tested, and proper well abandonment. Dep. Treas. Pagel stated our current ordinance reads rural wells can be abandoned (on its own). Mr. Hanten stated rural wells cannot be regulated outside the municipalities. President Tews asked whether we are properly testing our water by doing it every three years; Commissioner Ziegler asked if testing should be conducted more often being in a high-risk area. Mr. Hanten commented that the Town's three-year program is aggressive compared to the surrounding municipalities. The Board and staff suggested if residents wanted to test their water annually, they could test on their own. Clarence Peterson, Lake Shore Drive: Asked about radium in our area and Mr. Hanten expressed the growing concern within 1/2 hour of our Town, but said you can test for it once and find out if radium is present.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) 080908-1:UD Expenditures

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

7. ORDINANCES/POLICIES/AGREEMENTS

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

9. CORRESPONDENCE

10. REPORTS

a) Water Superintendent Roth - Update on Water Main Projects: Water Supt. Roth stated work began on Olde Midway Road; asphalt restoration began on Lakeshore Drive to Palisades Drive.

11. MOTIONS BY COMMISSIONERS

12. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:57 p.m., MOTION: Hanson/Youngquist to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Backman, Secretary