

**CITY OF NEW LONDON
MINUTES OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009**

Members Present: Chairman Arien Herminath, Mike Barrington (excused late),
Dennis Herter, Lori Dean, Absent :Bill Kopitzke,
Others Present: James Korom, Labor Attorney
Gary Henke, Mayor
Dave Morack, Alderperson
Tom O'Connell, Alderperson
John Romberg, Alderperson
Kent Hager, City Administrator
Jeff Bodoh, Public Works Engineer
Louie Dresen, W.W.T.P. Supt.
Dan Neely, Street Superintendent
Rick Hottenstien, Mechanic
Chad Hoerth, Parks & Rec. Director
Lee Rousseau

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Herminath at 4:30 P.M. with a quorum present. Motion by Herter / Dean to approve the agenda. All voting aye. Motion carried by all. Bodoh introduced Janet Searl, the new Public Works/Parks Administrative Assistant.

2. Presentation by Labor Attorney, Jim Korom. Mr. Korom briefed the Board on the City's current Labor Union Contract. Mr. Korom briefly explained how the contract affected hiring part time staff and options for contracting Street Department work. Morack asked about when it would be alright to hire part time personnel. Mr. Korom noted that the Union member had to get at least the minimum number of workings hours as stated in the contract. Morack made a suggestion to keep staffing at current levels but to consider use of part time employees to fill in when the workload increased.

3. Update on Wastewater Treatment Plant Issues. Dresen updated the Board on the WWTP issues. Dresen noted that the flow into the WWTP last week was up to 2 million gallons a day, and normal flow is about 800,000 gallons per day. He explained that this in flow is do to Spring high water. Dresen went through his monthly efficiency numbers and pointed out that the mercury level was fine.

Dresen briefed the Board on the meeting he had with Saputo and their Corporate Engineer. He noted that Saputo is planning on trying a new flowmeter and if the new meter works, that they might do a capital project to replace the old meter. Herminath and Dean asked about the bills for Saputo.

Dresen briefed the Board on the odor control study. He noted that he has started to make the changes that the consultant suggested, primarily taking the rock filter offline. Dresen noted that the flow into the WWTP currently is diluted by spring highwater and that the WWTP may have to make adjustments as the high water infiltration goes down. Dresen told the Board that they would be doing air sample tests when the weather warms up. There were questions about the need to purchase equipment and Dresen noted that any upgrade suggested by the consultant would be worked into a project.

4. Beacon Avenue Project. There was some discussion on whether it is Beacon Street or Beacon Avenue. The Mayor said that for the Project it will be Beacon Avenue. Bodoh said that he would amend the Resolutions.

Herter moved and recommended to have the Council approve the Final Resolution to assess curb & gutter construction on the Beacon Avenue Project, second by Dean. All voting aye. Motion carried

Dean moved and recommended to have the Council approve the Final Resolution to assess sanitary lateral construction on the Beacon Avenue Project, second by Herter. All voting aye. Motion carried

5. Discussion about Sewer Cleaning Machine. Neely presented some used sewer-cleaning machine options that he found while doing some research. The Board asked if this purchase was in the budget and Bodoh noted that it is in this year's sewer maintenance budget. There were some questions about warranties for the used machines. Neely noted that each machine had a warranty from the dealer selling the machines. Neely noted that the machines had very few working hours on them. He said that he was getting information on some other used machines. Board suggested discussing this item next month when Neely has more information.

10. Monthly Report of the Acting Director. Bodoh mentioned the Public meeting for the Beacon Street Project will be on April 8th at 6:00 PM in City Hall and a Public Meeting on the Pearl Street Bidge project on April 20th at 5:30 PM in City Hall.

11. Other Matters. Morack discussed putting together a meeting of the Facilities Sub-Committee later this month. The committee would review the requirements for a new City Garage.

Motion by Herter to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 P.M., second by Barrington. Motion carried by all.