

CITY OF NEW LONDON
MINUTES OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING
MONDAY, August 30, 2010 (September Meeting)

Members Present: Chairman Mike Barrington, Dennis Herter, Robert Besaw, and Ron Steinhorst

Members Absent: Lori Dean (excused)

Others Present: Jeff Bodoh, Acting Public Works Director
Gary Henke, Mayor
Kent Hager, City Administrator
John Romberg, Alderperson
Tom O'Connell, Alderperson
Louie Dresen, WWTP Superintendent
Janet Searl, Administrative Assistant
Lee Rousseau

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barrington at 4:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

Motion by Steinhorst / Herter to approve the agenda as presented.
Four voting aye. Motion carried.

2. Wastewater Treatment Plant Update/Discussion of Future Plans. Louie reported that the plant has been running fine. The storm of August 20th had the pumps handling up to 4000 gallons/minute for about a half hour, which is the maximum capacity. The plant was running on emergency power and the generator performed well. One gas compressor will be installed tomorrow. Sludge disposal for this fall will be done on the same land as previous years. Future maintenance items are two new check valves at Lift Station #4 (Shawano Street) and rebuilding the high rate pumps at Building #75.

Rate Study Request for Proposal. The last official rate study was done in 1987. One reason for performing the study is that adjustments to the sewer fund are not keeping up with the operating expenses. This study would allow the City to recalibrate both industrial and residential billings. Funds for the study would come from the 2011 budget.

3. Future Personnel Changes at WWTP. Last month the Board brought up the possibility of Dan Neely becoming a Working Foreman when Louie retires. Bodoh recommended leaving Neely in the position of Street & Park Superintendent. The remaining three WWTP employees will split up duties at the plant.
4. Geotechnical Summary for North East New London Business Park. Last month the Board asked Bodoh to prepare a report of the Geotechnical studies. Also included in the packets was a map of the location of the soil borings. The Board discussed the different types of soils identified and agreed that more soil borings should be done in the North West section of the Business Park. Bodoh will get proposals for both fall and winter testing.
5. Riverwall Repair Options/Estimates. Bodoh presented options from AECOM Tech and AECOM STS. There were five Options, with Option 1 being very basic, progressing up to Option 5. Each level added more

repair items. Bodoh recommended Option 3 as being the best, which would provide repair of the large cracks and epoxy seal to the small cracks in the wall. This item will be placed on the Capital Request list with 20% added for design work.

6. Joint Jurisdiction Roads Maintenance Agreements. The Town of Maple Creek had approached the City Administrator about a shared agreement for road maintenance. The main purpose is to provide uniformity for any road work that is done.

Motion by Herter / Steinhorst to recommend to Council to approve the MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOWN OF MAPLE CREEK AND THE CITY OF NEW LONDON REGARDING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS ON SPURR/HINTZKE ROADS and the MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOWN OF MAPLE CREEK, TOWN OF LIBERTY AND THE CITY OF NEW LONDON REGARDING SNOWPLOWING, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS ON JOINT JURISDICTION ROADS. Four voting aye. Motion carried.

7. Contract for Construction Staking for Maple Creek Lane. The curb work will start sometime in mid-September.

Motion by Herter / Steinhorst to recommend to Council to approve the contract for Maple Creek Lane Curb Staking by AECOM for a cost of \$6,000.00. Four voting aye. Motion carried.

8. Potential 2011 Public Works Capital Project List. Bodoh explained the different projects for Street Reconstruction, Sidewalk Replacement, Micro Surfacing Projects, and Equipment Replacement. The Board would like him to prioritize that list for the next meeting.

9. Pearl Street Bridge Update. The project was delayed due to high water in the river. They will add more crews as needed to meet the November 19th opening date.

10. Director/Engineer Monthly Report. In addition to his written report, Bodoh stated that the Street crew was still busy with clean up from the storm on August 20th. Barrington reported that he had received many comments from citizens who were pleased with the work that has been done on the clean up.

11. Other Matters. Bodoh stated that after the sewers had been TV'd it was discovered there is an issue with tree roots. He would like to spend \$2,500 for product to keep roots in the mains under control. The process is done and then done again in two years, for a five-year benefit. Bodoh would like to look more into the lining of sewer pipes versus digging them up.

Motion by Herter to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m., second by Besaw. Motion carried by all.

Jeffrey Bodoh
Acting Director of Public Works