

Algoma Sanitary District #1  
Regular Monthly Meeting

Commissioner Alexander Irvine with Commissioner Bob Nadolske present called the regular monthly meeting for March 10 to order at 6:00 p.m. Earl Lawrence was excused. Also present were Kevin Mraz, Ray Edelstein, Joel Edson, Rose Mraz and Sara Kettlewell.

Bob made a motion to approve minutes of the regular meeting for February 10, 2005/second-Alex/carried unanimously.

Bob made a motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting for February 24, 2005.

Bob made a motion to approve the cash receipts and investments report for water and sanitary for February as submitted/second-Alex /carried unanimously.

**Bob made a motion to approve the pending bills for sanitary and water for March/second-Alex/carried unanimously.**

- Rose discussed the pending bill for the buyback for the retirement from the State of Wisconsin. Rose said this year the State keeps increasing the amount due for the buyback. Rose was under the impression that the actuarial report showed the amount due for buyback regardless of current wages and now found this is not the case. Rose was told by Nancy from WI Retirement, that if 100% was chosen immediately, they would not have billed us an additional amount based on future earnings. Now they increased the buyback to \$15,000 and Kevin said this will keep going up based on current pay and not previous pay. Rose said she is willing to pay the additional \$5,000.00 back to the district.
  - Kevin said he talked to them and was told that maybe if the district can show from minutes that the intent was to eventually purchase the entire 100% back that they may be able to adjust for this. Rose said she could not find anything in the previous minutes stating the District would purchase all four years as this probably was discussed in a closed-door session.
    - Ray said to see if the State will accept a sworn affidavit stating the intent was to purchase four years as employee matters was probably in closed session.
    - Joel recommended to the commissioners that Rose not pay the \$5,000.00 to the district until the matter is settled with the State of Wisconsin as the amount may change and Alex and Bob agreed. Kevin will follow up on this.

Correspondence:

- Harlan Kiesow retired from East Central and Eric Fowle is his replacement. Kevin said that Eric has been accessible to the district.
  - Bob said from the Planning Commission standpoint, there is no map available yet.

Public forum:

- No one is present from public

Directors Report:

- Back in August of 2002, a variance was granted to Bob Reigh on Leonards Point Lane. At that point in time, the District allowed him to install a sewer lateral into a sewer manhole instead of installing the lateral into the sanitary main which is normally required. They drilled a hole in the manhole to allow the lateral to be installed and then they had to pack or grout around the lateral to prevent infiltration.

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- What's happened is that this manhole has been opened because Radtke Construction noticed running water after a plow knocked the manhole off so they called the district. This is due to ground water pressure pushing against it and spraying in around the lateral where it was not sealed properly.
  - Kevin said that because there was a variance granted, he will discuss this with the homeowner to tell him that it was not sealed properly and as it was done 2 years ago only, it should hold up longer than that. The digger was Roeh Excavating and the plumbing contractor was Jerry Berndt. Bob asked who hired the contractors and if the district signed off on the work. Kevin said that they get their own contractors, and the district only views the work. Kevin said they are required to have the lateral sealed.
  - Kevin said the district would go after the homeowner and the homeowner will need to decide how to pay for this. Ray said the homeowner can make it right, or the district can tell him the district will do it and send him a bill. Kevin will contact him and send a letter.
  - The variance was probably allowed due to high water in the area and this is an example of why the district doesn't want laterals directly in the manhole

Old Business:

Status of East Central SSA:

- East Central is postponing the date of finishing sewer service to approximately July.
  - The district was told we can still do an amendment for requested expansion.
    - Hunter's Court will be developed, but probably not before July. This is already in the Sanitary District. Bob said that from the Planning Committee, Hunter's Court looks ok and he doesn't expect any other developments.

Status of SDWL 2006:

- DNR has not released their priority ranking yet. It should be out soon, some applications in Neenah may be higher in ranking, but DNR doesn't expect them to use up all the money.

New Business:

Phase II 2005 - Water main Project:

- Kevin met with the homeowner on Pine Ridge Court near the end, where the District would like to obtain an easement to get to Lake Breeze.
  - The discussion came up to crediting the homeowner's assessment to get this done.
    - Kevin told the homeowner some trees might need to be removed and that the district cannot guarantee that the trees can stay. The North side of the house is out due to some large Oak trees. Their well is on the South side of house, so this would work best for them to hook up also on that side.
    - Kevin said he doesn't like to pay for an easement, but in this case there are trees that may be damaged. Kevin said they already have a sewer main easement on the North side of the property so they know how to deal with easements. Ray said he would prefer to have the homeowner pay their assessment in full & then the District could negotiate with the homeowner for the easement. Ray said they could

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pay their assessment in full by November and after it's paid, the district can then turn around and negotiate for the easement.

- Bob asked if the district had a right of way from Lake Breeze, and Kevin said the District would need an easement from the home on the other side also and something can be worked out.

Set meeting for Safe Drinking Water Loan Closing:

- Kevin said the district currently has interim financing for a portion of the water mains done last year and for a portion of the water facility through the WI Rural Water Loan. This is roughly at 3% interest and the Safe Drinking Water Loan is estimated to be closed at 2.365% in April. The district needs to adopt the Municipal Obligation Resolution and sign the Bond documents at this special meeting. Kevin said he will talk to Earl regarding a time for it on March 22 as the paperwork needs signing that day.

Other Items:

- Joel said the Town will be paying the real estate taxes in full after the Town's meeting Wednesday night and pay the assessments.
- Town has approved the District to use the town hall at no rent. Last year the district paid rent.
- Kevin said the Fire Department returned the \$100 donation for a fire hose. They said they donated the hoses to the District.
- Kevin told Joel that there is a line item on the bids for a price for a culvert for Honey Creek for the Town.
- Alex asked if the District carries unemployment insurance. Joel said that Municipalities do not carry this insurance. Joel said that if something happens, the district just pays the unemployment.

Alex made a motion to adjourn/second-Bob/carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rose Mraz, Office Manager

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alexander Irvine, Commissioner