

Algoma Sanitary District
Water Advisory Council

Earl Lawrence called the workshop of the Water Advisory Council to order at 7:15 p.m.

Earl Lawrence, Bob Nadolske, Jeff Rasmussen, Dick Spanbauer, Kevin Mraz, John Kolb, Dewey Nelson, Mark Green, and Rose Mraz were in attendance. Also present from the general public was Mark Thompson.

Staff Reports:

- Schedule for current operations – Earl turned this portion of the workshop over to Kevin,
 - Well # 2
 - This well is on schedule and should be up and running for redundancy around September. This well is in the Butte des Morts Meadow area. The district will be doing a 30 day Pilot test to determine what type of water filter may be required.
 - The contractor for the facility can continue to work on the building during the testing process.
 - Phase II Watermain project
 - Advance has their schedule posted and will start boring laterals during May and be completed with these during June. They realized it's less expensive to bore the valves under the roads than to cut the road and do asphalt restoration.
 - Ronet's schedule isn't posted yet. Currently, Ronet is removing rock in the Scarlet Oak area. They are using a different method and not blasting. There's a machine that grinds the rock up. After this, they will do the Bellridge Subdivision. In June they may start in the Crestwood area and come around.
 - All the laths have been given out for the homeowner to put where they want their water valve.
 - Kevin said the district received good bids because the district didn't put in a timeline and it's up to the contractor to complete on time.
 - Phase I Restoration
 - The contractors will be coming back and fixing the roads that need it. They are thinking about the best way to complete the work. The district may hire the county and charge this back to the contractors. Kevin will be talking to Joel with the county.

Discussion:

- Finalized watermain routes included in Phase II.
 - The district had a map to show the finalized route for construction this summer.
 - Dick Spanbauer asked why there is green paint across the driveways and Kevin said this shows where the sewer mains run and Kevin told him in most cases, the district tries to run the water mains on the opposite side of the street.
 - Dewey asked if the district is planning on replacing the culvert on Honeycreek. Kevin said the district is going to go around the culvert with a conduit wire inside of a concrete pipe, and try not to disturb the culvert. There will be a 24" pipe and a 12" pipe inside of it and then it will be filled with sand. The DOT asked for a wetland permit for this. Mark Green asked Kevin to contact them immediately if the district touches the culvert and needs to repair it as the Town may want to put in a different culvert in this case.
 - Kevin said the town could ask Advance for a quote while they are working here as they may save some money on the work.

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- Dick said if the culvert would be 36" or bigger, the county may help with the cost. Dick asked if this area flows over the culvert.
 - Kevin told him that last year it overflowed 3 times and water went over the road. Dick said perhaps the district could send a letter to the town recommending fixing this at the same time. Kevin said the district shows July and August for work in this area but that crews have until November for completion. Mark Green said perhaps the county can do this work less expensive than Advance – it's food for thought. Dick said the county may pay ½ the cost but didn't give a ceiling. Dick will do some checking with them.
- Jeff asked what size the services will be and Kevin said Scarlet Oak will have 1 ½ inch and everything else will be 1". There will be 6" for the school, Assisted Living area, and Premier. Kevin said if someone wants larger than 1", he has been telling them to write this on the tag attached to the lath. Kevin said he still needs to talk to the WW Baptist to see what they want for sure.
- Bob said a number of people ask how soon they can hook on to the main. Kevin explained there is a contractor liability if homes hook on while they are still working. The contractor needs to pass bacteria and pressure testing. They bleed the lines to get the air out and this is better completed prior to water lines being connected and they can complete several hundred feet at a time.
 - Kevin said the district will be video taping the areas to have before work is done. He said this helps settle disputes between residents and contractors and last year the taping went both ways to settle questions.
- Review of what's in and out:
 - Earl said the district included Tammy Road due to arsenic reports. The district did receive better participation but not quite 70%.
 - Westmoor – They were positive on the survey, but on the payment election the majority decided not to pay for the mains so the district took this area out.
 - Spring Valley/Lake Breeze. Spring Valley was left in but most of Lake Breeze was taken out.
 - Since this, Lake Breeze residents may petition to be added back in. This will be on the district's regular meeting.
- Dick asked if people can pay for the mains only and Earl said that they can, but the district doesn't push this method. Earl said if homeowners only want to pay for mains to have them call the district office and it will be allowed.
- Jeff said he was surprised at the Parade of Homes that a number of homes were built without the plumbing for water softeners. He recommended the district put something on the water permit as some builders think the town has Oshkosh water which is softer than the town's water. Kevin said the district will put something on the permits.
 - Kevin said the state has a competition for water which the district may enter sometime as our water is really good.
- District's website
 - Earl said the district would like to set up a website and is in the process of this. He asked for recommendations of what to put on the site and if anyone would like to volunteer to help.
 - Bob Nadolske offered to chair the committee as he would like to see the site up and running. Rose was asked to contact Betty Monnett (she was on the original water committee) and Tom C., and Betty Reimer if they would be interested in helping plan the site. Mark Green said that he would be willing to help if needed.

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- Members' present said maps of affected areas would be nice on the site as well as letting people know when they can hook on.
 - Dick asked for a timeline on the site.
- Concerns with construction in 2005
 - The culvert was a main concern.
 - Oakwood Road – Kevin said they will have a flagman on Oakwood Road.
 - Bob said he hopes the reconstruction is completed better this year as some roads are still bad.
 - Kevin said the contractors don't want to work on Omro Road until the end of school which is around June 7.
 - Dewey asked about the fence by the town hall. Kevin said it would have to come out during construction and would be put back in.
 - Jeff said there is a high pressure gas main in the area which needs to have added attention.
- Flushing and exercise of valves for Phase I.
 - The district has started flushing to clean the pipes to get sand and debris out. The tower wasn't on line when the mains were completed to do the high rate flushing that is being completed now. If a street is shut down temporarily, the pressure could change for a few minutes.
 - This water will be sent to the asphalt and roads.
 - Those present said to tell Jeanette when we are doing this to keep communication good between the town and district.
 - Kevin wants to do this now to be sure there are no problems with the mains prior to the 1 year warranty.
- Fire Department
 - Kevin asked John to have the Fire Department let the district know when they are using water for practice or to put out a fire as the district receives alarms when the level in the tower goes down, and he or staff responds to it. Kevin said alarms go to the pager, various cell phones and home phones.
 - Kevin also asked for an estimate of how much water they use as this is needed for the annual PSC report.
 - Kevin said the Omro SD pays just over \$4,000.00 quarterly for fire protection which kept the district's cost down \$16,000.00. Bob asked if the district has them flush their lines, and Kevin said that they do flush the lines.
 - Earl asked John what areas in the town cannot be reached by the Fire Department using hydrants. John said they can go approximately 1,000' from a hydrant.
 - Kevin asked John what types of maps he would like for the Fire Department and what size. After discussion, they agreed on maps showing the hydrants larger than they are on the existing maps and they will be shown in red. Mark Thompson said it would be useful to also have the address on the maps so they know which homes the hydrants are in front of. Kevin said this may be able to be done. It was decided to show on the pages, which page it is continued on and to overlap the pages slightly.

Kevin told those present that the district received an award for the Municipal Water System.

The next workshop will be held June 14 at 7:00.

Earl made a motion to adjourn at 9:11 p.m.