

Algoma Sanitary District
Water Advisory Council

Earl Lawrence called the workshop of the Water Advisory Council to order at 7:00 pm.

Earl Lawrence, Kevin Mraz, Bob Nadolske, Dewey Nelson, John Kolb, Jeff Rasmussen, Rose Mraz, and Jeanne Shiras were in attendance.

Staff Reports – Kevin gave an update of the schedule for current operations:

- The water treatment facility is running on schedule.
 - They are doing a pilot study for 21 days to test the water and check different material types in the filters to see what to use.
- Phase II water main construction.
 - Ronet – They started on Scarlet Oak Trail and will work towards Leonard Pt then Honeycreek the end of July. They will do the borings about 2 weeks ahead of installing mains.
 - Kevin said the District's inspector's will be watching the Sanitary main in the Honeycreek area and asked if they would like the District's inspectors to watch the Storm Sewer installation or if they were sending in their own inspectors. Mark Green asked if it would be the same people from Strand there and not an additional team. Kevin said they wouldn't be sending in a 2nd team.
 - Advance – They will be working with 2 to 4 crews and start the middle to end of July. They expect to finish the end of October. Kevin said that once the flushing, pressure test, and bacti tests are completed in an area, residents can start hooking on.
- Additional parcels included with Phase II watermain routes
 - The North half of Lake Breeze petitioned the district for a watermain to be installed and are included in for construction for 2005. .
- Website update
 - There was a workshop regarding the website as the District wanted input and the District did receive good ideas for the site. Andy with Nowicki said the District that he should have a preliminary shell by June 20 which will be available for additional comments and comments before the District goes live with it.

Discussion:

- Consumer Confidence Report:
 - There was considerable discussion regarding this report. Kevin handed out copies of the preliminary report to have input from the Council as they don't work with the water every day and can read the information from the Public's stand point.
 - Kevin told them. The DNR requires Water Utilities to send out certain information regarding water quality, etc. to the homes using water. The District decided to expand on the report and recipients as there is so much information to give out.
- Target for applicable expansion of the supply system.
 - Kevin asked if they have a preference on the timeline to look into future expansion of the Municipal Water System. Should this be based on the number of homes hooked up or a different basis?
 - Well #1 and #2 can service 1200 homes without additional expansion and the tower can serve 1900 homes. The PSC considers 2/3 of the tower for Fire flow.
 - Eventually a 3rd water treatment facility will be needed in case #1 or #2 is down for repairs.
 - The District will eventually need additional water storage, either below ground or at grade water storage.
 - It was decided that everyone will keep their eyes open for property that may go up for sale and to have this well facility up about the time the District expects 1200 permits are out. You need about 100' from property lines and cannot be near gas stations. The property does not need to be in the Town of Algoma but could be in the Town of Omro as Sand Pit may be a good choice.
 - Future proposed Locations for water.

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- Lullaby Lane said no to the Water System, but now a home owner is requesting to be added in to the system.
- Aurora asked for a proposal for water.
- Fire Department
 - Kevin had an updated map for the Fire Department which they can keep in the office and which tells you which sheet to look at for location of hydrants.
 - Fire hydrants that are not live will be bagged.
 - John Kolb asked who's responsibility it is to keep the hydrants right of way clear. The District hopes the residents help with this, but if not, the District's Operators will go and clear the area.
- Council concerns/comments/questions/future agenda items
 - Jeff Rasmussen did have a question about the District's 24 hour notice rule to have a water valve or meter turned on to check or for service. Jeff said it's not always possible to call 24 hours ahead as emergencies or changes in the next day's work come up due to cancellations, etc. Jeff said he received his warning from Rose regarding the 24 hours and he wanted to know what the consequences would be without 24 hour notice and what the District's policy is regarding this and if it's written.
 - Rose said she started to give warnings because it was becoming a problem with some plumbers calling and expecting an inspector to turn water on within 15 to 20 minutes. Rose said perhaps "warning" was not the correct choice of words, but this has helped to have most inspections called in the day before.
 - Earl questioned this and Kevin explained in more detail that the District needed some idea of how many jobs the Operator's will be doing the next day so he could plan their schedules and arrange for various maintenance, flushing, and testing projects etc. that the Operator's do.
 - The District's inspectors are busy with routine work until about 9:30 every morning. Also, knowing how many inspections the District expects lets him know if he needs to call in part time help. Kevin said if plumbers call 24 hours ahead, then the district could meet them usually at the time they request. Kevin said he likes to schedule these appointments by location also so the Inspector's aren't driving back and forth as it can take 15 minutes to get from one end of town to the other.
 - It was decided that if a plumber/excavator/homeowner calls in the previous day, they will be able to pick a time that works best for them to have the District's Operator meet them (unless there is an emergency on the District's side).
 - If they do not call in the day before, then the District will set the time to meet them that day if possible, otherwise it may have to be the next day.
 - Bob Nadolske said that some roads still need to be fixed better from last year's construction. Kevin said the contractor's will be working on this. Other's said some ditches are still in need of work also.
 - Kevin said to have the public call or e-mail the District and this work will be done. Kevin said currently that the contractor's need to do the work or the warranty is off.
 - Jeff said that the Plumbing Council met May 25 and may decide who can handle meters. They may say that handling meters is plumbing and then only plumbers can handle meters. Kevin and Earl will watch for future information regarding this.
 - Kevin welcomed Jeanne Shiras as this is the first meeting she attended.
 - It was decided to have an action item agenda July 12.

The workshop closed at 9:00 p.m.