

Algoma Sanitary District
Water Advisory Council

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

Earl Lawrence, Mike Gelhar, Bob Nadolske, Kevin Mraz, Joel Edson, Dewey Nelson, John Kolb, Jeff Rasmussen, and Sara Kettlewell were in attendance.

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

- Schedule of Current operations.
 - The water treatment facility is running on schedule and should be completed and ready in September. The electrical work is done inside, and next week painting will start. The pipe to the well house is live pressure.
 - Radio nuclei samples get sent out for testing, these are quarterly tests.
 - Split samples were sent to a couple different labs, so we could be assured the results were accurate.
 - We have not received the results from the samples sent to the State. All the others are in.
 - Raw water radium results are 226 & 228, 0.1 & 0.7 for filter A & B. After treatment the Arsenic filters A & B both have no detect. Calcium is 86 mg/Ltr, Iron has no detect and Manganese has no detect.
 - Water hardness is 18 grains per gallon
 - The filter ability has no specific life span, although some of the media may need to be replaced as it may get washed out during backwashes.
 - Website update – Kevin said Andy still hasn't done anything on the website. Kevin & Rose have emails and phone calls out to him, with no response. He was canceled today. Athenet will be here Thursday August 11 to discuss a website.
- Phase II water main construction progress update
 - Some traffic congestion has been noticed but no major problem, traffic seems to be flowing smoothly. Crews have been nice and cooperative.
 - Only major concern was on Omro Road, the equipment was parked next to the road over the weekend, creating a sight hazard that had some residents upset. This has been rectified and will not happen again.
 - Earl's concern is that there will be multiple crews on Valley/Sheldon and Oakwood/Omro, two busy intersections.
 - It was decided that posting a construction schedule on the cable channel is not necessary, everyone knows there is construction going on and its only temporary.
 - Scarlet Oak is complete and ready to go. All tests have been done.
 - Another resident on Scarlet Oak is requesting to be added.
 - Crestwood – the mains are installed and bacteria tests are being done.
 - The asphalt and landscaping need to be done yet.
 - Advance is working on Omro Road and just past the Oakwood intersection. They will come down to Oakwood Circle, then go back to do North and South Oakwood Rd. They are within schedule.
 - Another crew will be starting on Sheldon later this week.
 - Ronet is currently working on Witzel near Fox Fire. Witzel is slow going due to the fiber optic and other utilities. They are a little behind but still within schedule.
 - November is still anticipated to be the completion date.

Discussion:

- Assisted Living facility
 - Fire Department requested a fire hydrant be on their property, which would be supplied by the owner. This was suggested by the Fire Department since the owner plans on extending the building further south later on. They will have an 8" pipe, which will T off to two 6" lines.

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- Oakwood Road
 - The Town is proceeding with upgrading the road from Witzel to Hwy 21 in 2007-2009 with storm sewer, road expansion and black top.
 - Strand looked at the water main and street design and it will work out.
 - It makes sense for the District to install a water main at that time also. All present seem to be in agreement to do this.
 - It is tabled for now as to how and if to assess the homeowners.
 - The hospital could possibly be picked up as a large customer if the water main is run. They approximately use 20,000 gallons a day. They currently are using City of Oshkosh water. The hospital should have two sources of water.
 - If the water main were installed, it would make sense to connect the two sections under Hwy 21, making a loop.
- Brooks Lane sewer is complete. There is a meeting Thursday in regards to the Hwy 21 project.
- Honey Creek project is complete. All grinder pumps in the District have been removed except for two. The town's storm sewers are done and complete
- Fire Protection Fee
 - Received letter from Dennis Dodge.
 - Mike Gelhar spoke with Mr. Dodge and let him know that the Town Board has taken action to increase their financial responsibility to 80%. An increase of \$34,990, leaving \$26,247 to be paid by the water users.
 - The average quarterly water bill would go from \$92.00 down to approximately \$80.00 per quarter.
 - This will drop our rates way below the city rates and will put the District in a competitive rate for the Fox Valley.
 - Everyone is in agreement to go in right away for a rate hearing with the PSC. This will be made official at the Districts monthly meeting on Thursday.
- Several properties are requesting to be included in this phase of the Municipal water system.
 - Do we want to do another Phase III or look at each individual request?
 - We are not bound by using the 70% participation as used previously. That was just a number used for budget purposes.
 - Things to consider:
 - Workshop with the Town of Algoma.
 - Do new subdivisions require hook up to municipal water?
 - Possibly would not qualify for Safe Drinking water unless it's another phase.
 - Areas that are adamantly no, would not get surveyed again.
- Kevin and Jeff Rasmussen have been working on a checklist for the inspectors when turning on meters. Jeff has been noticing problems.
- Tags on hydrants are being removed as they get flushed. This should all be done by fall.
- Abandon well or keeping well
 - Letters were mailed to homeowners hooked up to the Municipal Water System that have wells reminding them to either abandon or permit their well by September 30, 2005. Approximately 71 people have not complied yet.
 - It's in our ordinance to follow through on this.
 - Kevin will follow up with the Department of Natural Resources on what can be done.

The workshop closed at 8:30 p.m.