

Algoma Sanitary District
Water Advisory Council
January 10, 2006

Open Meeting:

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

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

1. Schedule for current operations:
 - a. Water treatment facility #2 – is on line The District has this well online, but will go back to just well #1 for the weekend until all the tweaking is completed.
 - b. The DNR is finalizing the requirements for samples for Well #2 for 2006.
 - c. The District's website is online – Algomasd.Com or Algomasd.Org
 - i. The District will add maps to the website in the future.
 - ii. It was recommended to have a spreadsheet on the website which shows the addresses that have water valves.
 - d. Everyone present said they received positive feedback regarding the District newsletter
 - i. The newsletter will be put on the website also.
 - e. The District will be holding localized meetings for proposed Phase III area for water.
 - i. Copy of dates and meeting places attached
 - f. All fire hydrants have been exercised and are determined to be fully operational now.

Discussion:

1. Phase III water main schedule and public information progress update:
 - a. Earl explained that the District will not send out a survey regarding Phase III, as the District has results from the 2005 survey. Earl said the surveys seem to cause some confusion regarding responses. The District will send out the Final Assessment Notice to obtain responses.
 - b. Earl said that Phase III will be the last major project on the District's part for running Water Mains.
 - i. This most likely is the last year to obtain low interest rates from the Safe Drinking Water Funds. Future projects will have higher interest rates
 - ii. Earl said the District will still use the 70% rule to run mains; however, there was discussion regarding some areas that may not have 70% due to arsenic levels or other health hazards.
 1. Earl said maps show that the District already has water mains in many areas of the Town.
 - c. Kevin discussed the proposed areas for this phase.
 - i. There was considerable discussion regarding the proposed areas.
 1. Earl said all areas being chosen had someone in the area request water from the District.
 2. Oakwood Road was discussed as the road will be widened by the Town during 2007. This road may not receive the 70% participation. The consensus was to install water mains down this road now rather than dig up a new road and the council members agreed.
 - ii. The council agreed to go forward with the proposed areas for phase III.
2. Status of water connections:
 - a. Kevin said that all of Phase II is now ready for hookup to the water system and the District has been busy with hookups.
3. Fire Department status update:
 - a. All the hydrants are live and ready for the Fire Department to use.
 - i. The District's operators checked the hydrants so they are not too tight in case of a fire.
4. Council concerns/comments/questions/future agenda items:
 - a. Dewey asked if the Town Hall would need a water softener. Kevin told him the District's water is slightly hard and it's a personal preference. Kevin recommended by passing the softener and then seeing if it is needed.

The workshop closed at 7:55 p.m.