

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, Mark Green, John Kolb, and Rose Mraz were in attendance.

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

- 1) Schedule for current operations
 - a) The hurricane caused delay in getting the double line tank needed and it will be late November to early December.
 - i) The State lab was slow with results and it took 4 months for some and not the 28 days. The DNR tentatively approved w/o the results for now.
 - b) Website update
 - i) The website will be up and running by the end of December.
- 2) Phase II water main construction progress update
 - a) General concerns to date:
 - i) Kevin said he will meet with Ken Neubauer and walk through the construction area looking for concerns for reconstruction.
 - ii) Mike said there has been some settling by water main pipe and Kevin said they use a shovel to compact as they don't want to break a pipe. They do come back and fill for the settling around valves and hydrants.
 - iii) Mark Green said the 1st layer in the road near him is in but not the final layer. Kevin said the prep crews are slower than the asphalt crew which causes a delay in the final work but it will be completed soon.
 - b) Earl asked if all open cut areas will be filled in before winter and Kevin said that they will be paved by November 15 as this is the final completion date.
- 3) Policy changes for water calculations
 - a) The coefficient of pipe has been changed by the Department of Commerce from 130 to 150. This gives a greater pressure than previously thought.
 - b) There was discussion regarding requiring water calculations prior to laterals being hooked up to the water valve. Currently the District requires the plumber to give the district these calculations to be sure that the home will have enough pressure.
 - i) A number of homes had water laterals installed a number of years ago and there was no one planning ahead to be sure the correct size pipe was put in. There may be a couple of these that have incorrect size piping for their home.
 - ii) It was decided to keep this as an in-house policy and do our best to prevent problems.

Discussion:

- 1) Phase III survey area – new requests for water service.
 - a) Kevin said one potential area already took themselves out. This is Shorehaven Lane. They completed their own survey and the majority does not want water.
 - b) There was discussion about getting water on Omro Road past the gas station and to Emmers as commercial property will be coming in which the District and the Town would like to keep in the Town rather than having this annexed to the City to obtain water. Bob Nadolske said to talk with Gary Lerch to see what his plans are. There is also property on Emmers which may go for sale with commercial coming in. Keeping this area in the Town would help the tax base.
 - i) Joel said to let the public know that the District may install a main down Oakwood from Danbe to Hwy 21 as the District will be redoing this road in 2007. There was discussion that the District may need to look at the required percentage for this road slightly different as it is the District wanting to install the water main prior to the new road going in rather than tearing the road up later.
 - ii) Waldwic will require special consideration as this is a private road and it's not clear who owns what portion of the road. The residents also do not allow work prior to 10:00 a.m. Their road is narrow and would most likely need to be redone if we go down there. The cost of the road would need to be paid by the residents.

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- 2) Private road access and easements required
 - a) Bert Wertsch recommended checking with the Title Company now to see exactly where the easements are and determine which easements will be required.
- 3) Develop a District wide newsletter.
 - a) Following is an outline developed after discussing what the council would like included in the newsletter.
 - i) Phase II is on line
 - ii) Map of everywhere with water
 - iii) New treatment facility
 - iv) Phase II
 - (1) What we are looking at – such as high level
 - (2) Residents came here and approached us – they had a previously high percentage wanting water.
 - v) Window to abandon well for phase II
 - vi) Oakwood Road – New grant to change it to 4 lanes.
 - vii) Website
- 4) Kevin said the District will be developing a letter for the water ambassadors inviting them to a meeting.
 - a) Kevin said the water advisory members are more than welcome to attend the meeting.
- 5) Council concerns/comments/etc.
 - a) Joel said that he has a brownish pink color and Kevin said he will stop over to see what may be causing this. It's the first he heard of this type of problem.
 - b) Kevin said the Town will be hooked up shortly. Dewey has been concerned about the Town's pipes and wants to be there when the hookup is being completed in case there are any problems with pipes breaking. The Town does have insurance incase one breaks.

The workshop closed at 8:40 p.m.