

**CITY OF BAYFIELD**  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
*March 7, 2014*

Meeting called to order by Bryan at 9 a.m. at the Carnegie Library. Present: Don Albrecht, Mel Whiteside, Vincent Kelly, Gene Brevold and Jim Bryan; City employees Tom Kovachevich and Nick Wszalek; community member Barb Hoekstra. M/Brevold S/Albrecht to approve agenda as amended to place item 5 first. Approved. Minutes from February 6, 2014, meeting amended to correct a date and approved on a motion by Brevold, S/Whiteside. No public input was offered on the agenda except item 5.

**5. Lucy's Place B & B**

Barb Hoekstra addressed the Committee about timely communication pertaining to running water to prevent freezing at Lucy's Place. It is clear that much of the City's century-old water infrastructure cannot withstand the kind of sub-zero weather the winter of 2013-14 has put the City through.

**1. Old Business**

a. *PBSD Collection Charge System*: Both the Brownstone Line and the PBSD Properties Contiguous to the City agreements have been reviewed since last meeting; the City Council has already approved the contiguous properties agreement (PBSD has not). Both agreements, if approved and endorsed by City Council, will be sent to PBSD for final signatures, ending the decade-old negotiation. M/ Whiteside S/Brevold to accept the agreement as proposed on January 8, 2014. Roll call vote: Whiteside yes, Brevold yes, Kelly no, Albrecht no, Bryan yes -- motion carried.

b. *Project Updates*: All parties have signed The Historic Streets Memo of Understanding and Strand is clearing the necessary permits. Work will be scheduled for 2015.

Bids were opened March 6 for the 2014 water main replacement project on Front Street and other locations. Low bid was by C & W Trucking.

**2. Public Works Director**

The intensity of winter has been especially hard on water service and the truck fleet -- the large dump truck was repaired and then the other truck sprang an oil leak. The City's insurance company prefers using a steamer to thaw water pipes over the welder, so we are buying a small steamer. Winter is not over and spring thaw will likely cause additional problems. Nick and Tom expect an interesting Rural Water Association conference at the end of March.

**3. Utility Operator**

A clarifier arm broke in cold weather at the Greater Bayfield Wastewater Treatment Plant and freezing temperatures prevented putting the spare one on line; Wszalek is providing support.

Mixed news: information in our PSC report will show water loss at a more acceptable level than ever (25%), but that loss will be offset by using water flow to keep pipes from freezing. The City will be challenged by how to compensate property owners for water use due to the "Ice Caves phenomena." Water use last year compared to this year is skewed by the increased demand on lodging and dining services as visitor numbers exploded for people who wanted to see the ice caves.

**4. PSC Report**

Not yet complete -- tabled to April meeting.

**6. Set next meeting and Adjournment**

Next meeting set for 9 a.m. Friday, April 18 at the Bayfield Carnegie Library.

Adjournment M/Kelly S/Whiteside. Motion approved at 10:15 a.m.