

CITY OF BAYFIELD
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
November 5, 2015

Meeting called to order by Bryan at 9 a.m. at Fire Hall. Present: Don Albrecht, Vincent Kelly, Mel Whiteside, Gene Brevold, and Jim Bryan; City employee Tom Kovachevich.

M/Kelly S/Brevold to approve agenda. Approved. Minutes from October 16, 2015 meeting approved on a motion by Kelly S/Brevold. No public input was offered on the agenda.

1. Old Business

a. *2015 Water Main Extension* -- Final closeout underway but not completed. The City's share for the more than million dollar cost is \$410,665, and a shortfall of \$95,413 was not budgeted.

b. Washington Ave. walkway work is nearly complete -- some finishing touches are being done this week.

c. There is still hope to complete the Washington Avenue sidewalk along the Library property.

2. Public Works Director & Utility Operator Reports

Mild weather has given the crew a chance to work on ditches, mix sand and salt, and take care of leaves. Josh took his water license test (results in 2-3 weeks) and is working at the treatment plant.

3. Bodin's private well

A private industrial well installed in 1970 and used for ice making at Bodin Fisheries has been inspected and has passed the annual test. M/Albrecht S/Kelly to place the permit on file. Carried.

4. Frozen Water Laterals

A Wisconsin circuit court has overruled the Public Service Commission's claim that a water customer in Mazomanie was entitled to reimbursement for the cost of thawing frozen water pipes in the harsh winter of 2013-14. The ruling states that lateral thawing should be at customer's expense when the utility informed the customer to take preventative measures (running water).

5. October Utility Budget

It now appears that the 2014 water rate increase may result in a balanced account with a projected margin of \$55,456.46 but in the sewer utility the projected balance is \$368.58. Kovachevich suggests we look at a possible increase in sewer rates.

6. 2016 Utility Budget

Projected budget includes a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) but does not include the shortfall on the 2015 water utility upgrade project. M/Brevold S/Kelly to adopt the 2016 Utility Budget. Carried.

7. Next Meeting: set for Thursday, December 11 at 9 am at the Fire Hall

Adjournment

M/Whiteside S/Kelly. Motion approved.