

CITY OF BAYFIELD
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

June 8, 2018

Meeting called to order by Bryan at 9 a.m. at Fire Hall.

Present: James Bryan, Vincent Kelly, Mel Whiteside and Bill Peterson (9:10am).

Also present: Tom Kovachevich, Mike Burg, Dionne Johnston, Mayor Ringberg, George Hansen, Pam Brimley, AJ Long, Carol Fahrenkrog, and David Eades.

Remembrance of Gene Brevold: Bryan took a moment to acknowledge Gene Brevolds work on a number of City Committees. He will be missed.

M/Kelly S/Whiteside to approve agenda. Approved. Minutes from May 11, 2018 meeting approved on a motion by Kelly S/Whiteside. No public input was offered on the agenda.

1. Old Business

a. *Pike's Bay Sanitary District*

- i. **Committee Update:** Members of the Pike Bay Sanitary District Commission were present to let the PW committee know they have increased their commission members to 5 and introduce two new members Carol Fahrenkrog (present) and Levi Leafblad.
 - ii. **Wheeling Fees:** George Hansen representing PBSB let the PWC know the use of REU's in the current wheeling fee was to be temporary and that neither of the two users on the line use a REU in a billing cycle. The users have meters and the calculation should be based on actuals. Dionne Johnston stated she had been involved with the wheeling fee calculation since its inception and tried to get the document to use actuals but was denied by PBSB and the two users on the line have used more than 1 REU in a billing cycle. She also stated the wheeling fee formula is complicated. Kovachevich stated its time to simplify the current complicated formula and suggested an idea for a new wheeling fee calculation of 30% of the current City rates. Hansen was open to the idea but needs to see what the rates would be for each of the users. Johnston will work on an amendment and have the PWC review before sending to PBSB for consideration. Hansen and Johnston will work on the delinquent wheeling fees from 2015 to 2017.
 - iii. **Employment:** AJ Long explained PBSB was in need of a backup operator and asked the PWC if Josh Pearson could be used as a backup. Kovachevich stated the city would provide assistance in cases of emergencies and they should talk directly to Pearson regarding any other work on his own time. He further stated Burg is in the process of getting his certification and might have time in the future and suggested contacting Joel Weber to see if he would be able to fill in. Bryan stated during working hours staff will provide support for emergency situations and after hours up to staff. Long thanked the PWC for their support.
 - iv. **Expansion:** Long gave a brief overview of the study they had done to extend the sewer down the highway and up Ski Hill road. The preliminary cost have come in at 1.56M and they are going to apply for a grant this fall.
- b. *Swede Hill Project* – Waiting on Northwoods Paving to get cost of final patching on 6th St.
- c. *Sewer Pump Out Charges* – Dan Boucher – Apostle Islands Cruises was present to discuss the proposed sewer charge amendment to be applied to each boat. He is looking for more details on how the charge was created and feels it's an unfair charge when compared to the current user fees of \$11.50 per 1000 gallons. Kovachevich stated the fee was created when

the vessel Chippewa was dumping waste into the municipal sewer system and at that time tests were done on waste discharged into the sewer system to come up with a rate and it was based on one boat. Since then the Cruise service has increased its fleet to 4 boats potentially 5 and he feels each of the boats should be responsible to pay the annual fee. He also stated the waste the boats are discharging into the sewer are more concentrated than the average residential rate of \$11.50 per \$1000. He is looking to the PWC to amend the current fee schedule to include each boat. The Public Works Committee will refer to the Common Council to make the final decision.

2. Public Works Director & Utility Operator Reports

- a. Crack Sealing/Seal Coat Project – Kovachevich stated the project is on First Street btw Rittenhouse and Manypenny then on Manypenny btw First and Third St. Bids are due July 5th. The project should only take a day to roll.
- b. New Meter Reader and Software – Kovachevich informed the Committee the meter reader and software are outdated and support for the system has ended and would like to use the \$10,000 from the Water Challenge to go toward getting an updated system which can cost btw \$6000-\$10,000. M/Kelly S/Whiteside to allocated \$10,000 to go toward a new meter reader and software. Carried

- 3. Utility Operator** – Burg passed his water operator test cannot get his certification until he has worked in the field for 1 year. Flushed hydrants and had a couple of complaints. The Public restrooms are open for the season. Had 2 meetings with the DNR regarding the water system. There will be some deficiencies which will require us to set deadlines for remediation to 120 days, and future needs 3 – 10 years from now. A full report of the DNR findings will be coming. Well #3 will need to be pulled. We have 5 dead end mains, 3 – 4 don't have flushing hydrants, but when the utility can afford to proceed with the last water project it will eliminate most of them.

- 4. Next Meeting:** set for Friday, July 20 at 9 am at the Fire Hall

Adjournment: M/Peterson S/Whiteside. Motion approved.