

MINUTES OF THE UTILITY BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 6, 2005

Chm. Dan Ziemer.....X  
Robert Gay.....X  
Mike Hankins.....X

Don Sawall.....X  
Ella Lewis.....X

Also in attendance were Mayor Richard Beggs, John Boogren, Nancy Wieneke and Penny Kettenhoven.

Chairperson Ziemer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with all members present.

Moved by Gay seconded by Sawall to approve the regular minutes from November 1, 2005 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Sawall, seconded by Lewis, to approve the monthly bills in the amount of \$440,626.62. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**Citizens Forum-** No citizens were present.

**Welcome** new Board member Mike Hankins.

**Outages-** There was a total of four outages in November. Three were scheduled outages that the customers were aware of and one was unscheduled. The unscheduled half hour outage was at Schutt Industries when a bushing on a transformer went bad. The transformer was given a temporary repair due to the fact that a new service will be installed this winter.

The new transformer for Walker Forge is now on site and will replace the transformer with the bad oil sample upon scheduling with Walker. The cost of the new transformer will be \$22,000.

**Water Breaks-** There was one water main break at 12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> street. The water was shut off and repairs were done on November 25, 2005. There were a couple of service breaks to report. One service break was on Bennett and one was on Elm Street. A large amount of water went through the meters. The houses were empty at the time.

**Electric Rate Case-** The rough draft will be here within the next 10 days. It will be mailed out to all board members.

**Meetings attended and upcoming-**The Badger Power draft budget is complete and can be viewed at the utility office. It is at the bare minimum utilizing the rate stabilization fund to help offset costs. Badger is anticipating a 9.9% increase in costs to be passed on to Shawano and Clintonville in January of 2006 due to increases in power costs from Wisconsin Public Service Corp. of Green Bay.

Managers from Shawano, Manitowoc, Wisconsin Rapids and Clintonville attended meetings with Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) and Alliance for Cooperative Energy Services (ACES) in Indianapolis, In. last week with the purpose of choosing a consulting firm to handle Midwest Independent System Operators (MISO) issues. These issues include power purchasing and sales and generation dispatching. Manitowoc at this time uses ACES at a cost of approximately \$300,000 a year. We are hoping to contract with a firm and share the annual costs.

**Finance & Collection-** Financials for October 2005 were reviewed. The electric has a loss of \$36,597.00 thru October and the water has a gain of \$24,280.71. Electric, water and sewer delinquent accounts were also reviewed. The arrears are down in the summer months when services can be turned off. The arrears increase in the winter months when the services cannot be turned off. Special Assessments turned over on November 15, 2005 was in the amount of \$38,440.13. The auditors from Schenck were here for the pre-audit. They will come back in January or February to finish after the year is complete.

Next meeting date was set for Tuesday, January 3, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. at city hall. Moved by Gay, seconded by Hankins to adjourn at 4:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Recording Secretary  
Penny Kettenhoven

