

MINUTES OF THE UTILITY BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2008

Chm. Dan Ziemer.....X
James Supanich.....X
Richard Beggs.....X

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

Also in attendance were Mike McCord, Brad Rokus, Lisa Kuss, Peggy Johnson, Tim Beimal, Mike Krueger from Krueger’s Sign and Electric, two representatives from Econofoods and Penny Kettenhoven.

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

Public Benefits- A request to receive a rebate from the weather conservation energy program was reviewed. Econofoods will be replacing 152 light fixtures with energy efficient bulbs. Beggs/Supanich m/s/c to authorize payment of \$2280.00 for the light bulbs project at Econofoods. This money will be taken from the weather conservation fund from Public Benefits.

Supanich/Lewis m/s/c/ to approve the minutes from January 3, 2008 and January 28, 2008.

Supanich/Lewis m/s/c u/roll call to approve the bills in the amount of \$657,409.46

Citizens Forum- No citizens present.

Electric outages- There was one unplanned outage at the 480 North Service at Walker Forge when an insulator blew up. The electric customers had a five to seven second outage. The insulator was replaced later that same day.

LED Stop and Go Lights- Currently the bills for the stop & go lights total \$7,000.00 a year. After the city installs the new LED lights the savings will be \$6,400.00 annually. The \$15,000.00 will come from the public benefits program for this project with the cost not to exceed \$20,000.00 in the event the cost is more than expected. TAPCO is the company that will be doing the work in 2008. Supanich/Beggs m/s/c to have the completion date for changing the LED in the street lights to be November 3, 2008.

Water Main/Services Breaks-No water main breaks just one hydrant repair at McKinley Ave & 14th Street. The stem on the fire hydrant was damaged when the fire department turned it on for a fire. It was an older Iowa Hydrant.

Water Rate Case- No date has been set. An updated rate case was filed in January 2008.

Meetings attended and upcoming- Mr. McCord was able to attend the Badger Power. Talk for Badger Power is still on long-term contracts. The Great Lakes Utilities meeting was canceled in January 2008. The annual meeting is set for February 20, 2008. Shawano Utilities is looking for a new General Manager; Andy Onesti will be leaving Shawano for a new position in Manitowoc. Shawano Utilities General Manger's position also included being the General Manager for Badger Power.

Finance & Collection- Delinquents reports were reviewed for January 2008. The financials were reviewed thru December 2007. The auditors will be here the week of February 18, 2008.

The next regular meeting date was set for Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall. Sawall/Lewis m/s/c to recess the meeting until 4:00pm for the public hearing.

Arsenic Removal/Reservoir Project-Chairperson Ziemer called the meeting back to order at 6:00 p.m. Erik Leitz, from Ayres Associates gave a short presentation on the project with questions and answers to follow. The presentation included the placement of the arsenic reservoir, the contractors who are going to do the work and when the project would start and be complete. Contact information was given out. No laterals are being changed and the road will not be completely shut down. The road will have a one-year warranty from the completion date. Water services could be off for up to eight hours in a day. The project will start May 1, 2008 and end before mid December 2008.

Lewis/Supanich m/s/c to adjourn the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

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Arsenic Removal- DNR has approved the project with the exception of the Well rehabilitation work and chemical feed updates. Mr. Rokus has met with the town chairman to discuss road repairs due to damage from the project and to also to schedule an informational meeting to be held February 5, 2008 at city hall to bring the public up to date on the project. The Public Service Commission will not approve the two-step increase at this time with the test year information from 2007. Because we are an electric and water utility they look at the cash flow from both utilities. Currently we only need the 22% increase. Ms. Kuss explained that we would lose 10% of our Safe Drinking Water Low interest Loan if we only did the first step. After talking with the auditors and the Public Service Commission they advised that they would hold our place for the water rate case. Staff and the auditors have two weeks to get the Public Service Commission what they need to continue with the two-step increase, which is needed by the Department of Administration for the low interest loan. Lewis/Supanich m/s/c/ u/roll call to have staff and auditors work together with 2008 being the test year for the two-step water rate increase.

