

MINUTES OF THE UTILITY BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 4, 2007

Chm. Dan Ziemer.....X	Don Sawall.....X
Robert Gay.....X	Ella Lewis.....X
Richard Beggs.....X	

Also in attendance were Brad Rokus, 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 Lewis to approve the regular minutes from December 5, 2006. Motion carried.

Moved by Sawall, seconded by Gay to approve the monthly bills in the amount of \$529,957.54. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

**Layne Northwest** – The fieldwork has been completed in Phase I. A report with the findings will be given at our February meeting.

**DNR Report-** The violation letter for exceeding the arsenic levels for well #2 was received in December 2006. A letter must be sent to every customer on our water system. The letter was reviewed, and with the wording changed to say multiple wells, it was approved. Moved by Beggs, seconded by Lewis to accept the wording of the DNR letter to be sent to all customers on Jan 31, 2007. Motion carried.

**Well #2 and Well #4-** A video on Well #4 was reviewed. The screen was about 90% plugged. After CTW cleaned the screen, the well is now operating at 100%. A second video was shown to see the results after the screen was cleaned. This process costs \$10,000.00. The DNR wants the other wells done. This was in the annual report. Discussion also took place on Well #2. Because of the high arsenic levels, a letter will be sent to all water customers. An application will be filed to see if we qualify for grant money. This will be approximately in March 2007. If we do not qualify, then we can apply for a low interest loan. The actual designing and construction of the new well or the blending reservoir could start later this fall and will not be completed until next year.

**Outages-** There were no outages for December 2006.

**Water Breaks-** There was one water service break due to frozen pipes inside the customer's home.

**GIS System-** Discussion on the progress and payments made for GIS. To date payments made by the electric and water department are \$26,654.83. The bills are split three ways, between Street, Sewer and Utilities. Mayor Beggs will check with Nordin-Pedersen Associates for a status update for our next meeting.

**Granite Wireless-** No contact with Granite Wireless for the month of December 2006. More information will be passed on as it becomes available.

**Public Benefits-** A review of the program was discussed. Positive comments are coming from the utility office when the customers pick up their energy conservation bags. Mayor Beggs suggested that we look into a program like Reedsburg for putting up low LED street lights to make it brighter and reduce costs to the taxpayer instead of handing out the light bulbs. One half of the money is for low-income people. For the Year 2005 a total of \$26,000.00 was reimbursed to our customers. Suggestions are always welcome for the weatherization fund.

**Meetings attended and upcoming-** Badger Power approved the 2007 budget. It also approved Midwest Reliability Organization Membership for \$5000.00. Renewable energy is increasing and we must purchase 3.44% in renewable energy in 2009. Aces was hired by Badger Power to do our partial requirements. Great Lakes Utilities discussed the rate stabilization fund, Aces and their role, and long-term contracts for new members. GLU is also working on a brochure for soliciting new members. Mr. Onesti from Badger Power will be at the January council meeting for a presentation. The point beach nuclear plant was sold from Wisconsin Energy Corporation to FPL Energy.

**Finance & Collection-** Electric, Water and Sewer delinquent reports were reviewed for December 2006. Financials for November were reviewed. Electric had a gain of \$203,456.84. thru November 2006. Water had a gain of \$9,501.26 thru November 2006.

Next meeting date was set for Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. at city hall. Moved by Gay, seconded by Sawall to adjourn at 5:01 p.m. Motion carried.

Recording Secretary  
Penny Kettenhoven

