

MINUTES OF THE UTILITY BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2008

Chm. Dan Ziemer...Excused	Don Sawall.....X
James Supanich.....X	Ella Lewis.....X
Richard Beggs.....X	

Also in attendance were Brad Rokus, Andy Hintz, Lisa Kuss, Peggy Johnson, Tim Beimal and Penny Kettenhoven.

Mayor Beggs called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with all members present except Ziemer who was absent excused.

Supanich/Sawall m/s/c to approve the agenda with items five, seven and eight being presented first.

Sawall/Lewis m/s/c/ to approve the minutes from December 4, 2007.

Supanich/Lewis m/s/c u/roll call to approve the bills in the amount of \$541,757.48

Citizens Forum- No citizens present.

Public Benefits- Ms. Kuss gave the board an updated public benefits program for 2008. These are the same items as discussed last month. A change of the number of items per household was made. The LED bulbs for the stop and go lights were reviewed. Tapco gave the city an estimate of approximately \$30,000.00 to change over all the bulbs to the LED. Due to funds we can comfortably do one half of the project at this time and using the funds from Public Benefits. The savings would be seen in approximately 12 to 15 months. Supanich/Sawall m/s/c u/roll call to start the LED traffic light project for \$15,000.00 from Public Benefits with the work to be done in 2008.

Electric outages- There were no outages for December 2007.

Arsenic Removal- The 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.

Meetings attended and upcoming- Mr. McCord was able to attend the Badger Power and the Great Lakes Utilities meetings in December 2007. Mayor Beggs advised Badger Power again reported there would be no anticipated electric increases for 2008.

Finance & Collection- Delinquents were reviewed for December 2007. The financials were reviewed for November 2007 with the electric department having a year to date gain of \$ 322,824.58 and the water department having a year to date loss of \$57,798.89.

The next regular meeting date was set for Tuesday, Feb 5, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall. A public hearing will be on Tuesday, Feb 5, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. as an informational update on the water reservoir project. A special utility board meeting will be held on Monday, Jan 21, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. to select the contractors for the water reservoir project. Sawall/Lewis m/s/c to adjourn at 4:51 p.m.

Recording Secretary
Penny Kettenhoven

