

MINUTES OF THE UTILITY BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2003

Chm Tom Lederer.....X
Robert Gay.....arrived 4:10pm
Karen Siewert... arrived 4:01pm

Don Sawall.....X
Michael Weathers.....X

Also in attendance were Nancy Wieneke of Clintonville Publishing, John Boogren, General Manager and Penny Kettenhoven.

Chairperson Lederer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with members present Lederer, Sawall and Weathers.

Moved by Weathers, seconded by Sawall, to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 3, 2002. Motion carried with Gay and Siewert absent.

Moved by Siewert, seconded by Weathers to approve the monthly bills in the amount of \$321,824.15. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote, with Gay absent.

Customer service – The light bulb give away is coming up and will be inserted in the customer’s bills they receive on March 1, 2003. This program is very well accepted and expects even more customers to take advantage than last time. Also on the March 1, 2003 bill the customers receive will have the hydrant rental fee on. We anticipate phone calls when this happens.

Meetings attended—Gay arrives. Badger Power is close to sealing up a deal with Wisconsin Public Service for a long-term contract. The current power contract with Wisconsin Electric ends May 31, 2003. The positive PCAC on the customer’s bills this month is a result of a rate stabilization fund that Badger Power started to soften the impact of an anticipated 15-20% rate increase from our supplier this spring. This cost is passed on directly to the customers based on their energy consumption. The hearing for the Fire Hydrant Rental Fees being placed on the customer’s bills instead of being billed to the city went smoothly. The only attendance was a few Utility Board members and one councilperson.

Line Projects- Tree trimming is underway, currently doing special problem trees where the customer has asked us to help trim the branches because of the branches and wires are too close together or broken branches. Only trees that are a hazard to our wires are being considered. Christmas decorations have also being taken down.

One Outage reported for the month of December. It was due to a lighting strike on 3rd Street.

New employee, Jon Carrick, will be starting at the Utilities on January 21, 2003. He will be taking Todd's old job of Meter Tech/Groundsman. He is currently working for the Park and Rec department, but is a part of our union. We look forward to having him join our department.

After checking with Ms. Kotter calling the bonds at this time will not save the utility much money because of the great interest rate 4.95% that we got in 1998. In 2009 they utilities should review the bonds and see if we can call them at that time. The gain took a dip in the month of November; this is due to the payment of the electric and water bonds that are due the first day of November of each year. Next month the gains will come back up. Delinquent report was reviewed and the numbers are starting to climb. This happens every year and is normal. In April when we can turn of the electricity the delinquent numbers will go down. The auditors were here on Jan 3, 2003 to do the normal walk through and check procedures. The scheduled date of the audit has not been set yet.

Next meeting date is February 4, 2003 at 4:00pm at city hall. Moved by Gay, seconded by Lederer to adjourn @ 4:25pm. Motion carried.

Recording Secretary
Penny Kettenhoven

