

**VILLAGE OF HOBART:
MEETING OF THE WATER & SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Monday, October 15, 2007, 7:00 P M**

VILLAGE OF HOBART OFFICE – 2990 S. PINE TREE ROAD, HOBART

1. Call meeting to order by Steve.
 - a. Members present: Steve Bach, John Berggren, Don Dahlstrom, Craig Berndt, Mike Johnson, and Bob Reeners
 - b. Members absent: Tim Carpenter and Fred Parish (both excused)
 - c. Also present: Dean Zanon (Robert E. Lee Associates), Joe McCormick, and Pat Doherty
2. Approval of agenda.
 - a. Motion to accept by Craig, second by Bob. Motion carried
3. Approval of September 6, 2007 minutes
 - a. Motion to accept by Steve, second by Craig. Motion carried
4. Sewer user charge update
 - a. Need final village budget numbers to proceed
 - b. Should identify an appropriate village contact person for that type of information in the future
 - c. Motion to table to next meeting by Don, second by John. Motion carried
5. Committee membership / alternates.
 - a. Fred Parish , a valued member of this committee, is now quite busy. Perhaps someone (undefined) should contact him about his intentions relative to continued status on this committee.
 - b. Recommendation to add members/alternates. Motion by Bob, second by Craig. Motion carried

6. Well data report

- a. Steve to hopefully have some information on current water table and radium levels for next meeting

7. DNR water source requirement

- a. Bob independently wrote a letter to Wisconsin DNR asking for clarification of municipalities such as the village.
- b. Question need for second Northern village well since not a legal requirement for current system. Two (2) year WDNR window for village decision.
 - i. Continued target date of September, 2008, for drilling test well. Remaining question relative to full casing or not
 - ii. Concern about local radium levels and thus potential required village pretreatment cost –both short and long term.
- c. One alternative is to reconsider issues surrounding full membership in Brown County Water Authority. Apparently no such radium concern about Lake Michigan water. Ten (10) year window on joining BCWA.
- d. Craig suggested consideration of blended cost in new water rate structure. Need to separate fixed costs:
 - i. Assess current users
 - ii. General tax levy for future system expansion.

8. Emergency backup connection project bid review

- a. Actual contractor bids came in considerably higher than expected. Some relatively smaller regulatory issues were apparently missed in original proposal
- b. Discussion relative to village being the general contractor to reduce cost.

- c. Motion by Craig to recommend awarding contract to DeGroot for \$47500. Second by John. Motion carried.

9. Water Tower Painting/Maintenance

- a. Original external and interior surface preparation and painting should have lasted more than eight (8) years
- b. Question the value of a long term maintenance contract to correct the this situation.
- c. Motion by Craig to retain Robert E. Lee for \$4000 to prepare a December 01, 2007, report outlining suggestions on how best to proceed. Second by John. Motion carried.

10. Future Agenda items-scheduled 05 November, 2007

- a. Sewer user charge
- b. Well data
- c. Cost analysis for structured water rates

11. Adjourn