

**CITY OF NEW LONDON
MINUTES OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006**

Members Present: Chairman Ron Heise, Dennis Herter, Bill Kopitzke, Mary Tate and Rob Way

Others Present: Wayne Toltzman, Mayor
Kent Hager, City Administrator
Jeff Bodoh, Dept. Engineer
Carol Radtke, Director
Louis Dresen, W.W.T. P. Supt.
Dean Steingraber, Waupaca County Highway Commissioner
Tom O'Connell, 2nd District Alderman
Laura Betts, 4th District Alderperson
Lee Rousseau

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Heise at 6:30 P.M. with a quorum present. Heise motioned to approve the agenda, second by Tate. All voting aye. Motion carried.

2. Review of 2006 N. Shawano Street Reconstruction Project. Dean Steingraber, Waupaca County Highway Commissioner advised the Board that the County and City have completed all of the preparatory measures and are ready to start the 2006 N. Shawano Street Reconstruction Project. Thursday, June 8th has been selected as the starting date, to avoid any conflict with the schools. Detours, traffic signals, and other signing are the first things to be put in place. There will be two meetings scheduled for May 24th at City Hall; a preconstruction conference in the afternoon for the contractors and an informational meeting for the businesses and citizens in the evening. Dean will make an announcement regarding these dates on Cable 3 and said he plans to hold regular progress meetings once the project starts.

There was a question pertaining to the status of the Wolf River Ave./Shawano St. intersection signing and reconstruction project that was approved for Hazard Elimination Safety Funds in 2004. Dean noted that this project has been scheduled for construction in 2007 and the engineering firm is currently working on the prep work.

Dean also advised that he had received a letter from the City's Traffic Ad Hoc Committee regarding placement of stop signs and removing the traffic lights at Beacon Avenue and Division Street. The Waupaca Co. Highway Commission has approved the recommendation. Jeff Bodoh will take this matter to the Traffic Committee.

3. Molybdenum Study Update. Louie Dresen reported on the current status of this study. A year ago, we were experiencing some problems at the Wastewater Treatment Plant with high levels of molybdenum. Badger Laboratories assisted us in an investigation to determine the source of the problem by testing residential and commercial properties. As a result of the cooperation from our businesses we are well within the limits and continued to be at this time.

4. Update on Wastewater Influent Pump Station Design. Louie Dresen reviewed the minutes of the April 5th meeting with engineers from Applied Technologies. They are proposing to replace the existing raw influent pump station with a new one, investigating pump station design, manhole locations, piping needs, etc. The schedule is to complete the design in 2006, with construction in 2007 and 2008 contingent on the final costs. The Board will continue to get updates on the progress.

Louie also informed the Board of his ideas for cost savings at the wastewater plant concentrating primarily on the utility expenses and changes to digesters. Betts suggested checking into incentives for new lighting, which Louie will pursue.

5. Discuss Compost Attendant Position. The individual we had working at our wastewater compost site has resigned. Due to the current economic constraints the Department has been asked to evaluate the need for this position. The position was created a few years ago to accommodate extended hours at the compost site. The past employee was paid \$625.00 per year and advised the Director that most days 6 or less people were served and they rarely asked for his assistance. Motion by Way, 2nd by Tate to eliminate the W.W.T.P. Compost Attendant position.

6. Progress of 2007 Budget Outlook for Dept. of Public Works.

The Director informed the Board that she had met with staff and the Chairman of the Board of Public Works to discuss the cost-reducing scenarios provided by the City Administrator and then presented a summary of what she will be proposing to the Council at the May 17th meeting. There was a discussion period that followed.

7. Monthly Reports of the Director and Engineer. Reports were reviewed.

8. Other matters, if any. The Director reported that she received a copy of a letter that City Attorney's office sent to Mr. & Mrs. Sullivan related to the appraisal for an easement. Sullivan's have the right to obtain a separate appraisal and the attorney will advise us if they do so.

Being no further business, a motion was made by Tate, 2nd by Kopitzke to adjourn at 7:50 P.M. All voting aye. Motion carried.