

**CITY OF NEW LONDON
MINUTES OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009**

Members Present: Chairman Arien Herminath, Mike Barrington, Bill Kopitzke,
Dave Morack and Tom O'Connell

Others Present: Gary Henke, Mayor
Mary Tate, Second District Alderperson
Lorie Dean, Third District Alderperson
Dennis Herter, Fifth District Alderperson
Kent Hager, City Administrator
Jeff Bodoh, Public Works Engineer
Louie Dresen, W.W.T.P. Supt.
Lee Rousseau

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Herminath at 4:30 P.M. with a quorum present. Bodoh asked to add Approval for the Final WWTP Headworks project Change Order to the agenda. Motion by Barrington to approve the amended agenda, second by Morack. Motion carried by all.

2. Update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Louie Dresen briefs the Board on the monthly items and report from the WWTP. Herminath asks Dresen about Wohlt Cheese. Tate asks about Saputo. Dresen told the Board that Saputo's flowmeter had been calibrated and the technician doing the calibration told him the meter was good. Dresen said that he was still working on the grate replacement plans for the grit box and would bring some information in next month. Dresen mentioned that we received the final pay request for the Headworks project, but Judy Radtke was going to hold out the retainage until the City receives all of the operation and maintenance manuals.

Bodoh briefed the Board on the potential high strength user rate study. He pointed out that three consultants are working on putting together proposals for this study. Bodoh said that he would bring the proposals to next months meeting for review.

Bodoh and Dresen presented the final change order for the Headworks project. Morack moved and recommended to council to approve the change order for the WWTP Headworks project for a deduction of \$12,143, second by Barrington. Motion carried by all.

3. Beacon Street Project update.
-Approve Preliminary Resolution for Curb & Gutter. In 2009, the City of New London will be reconstructing 6 blocks of Beacon Street. This reconstruction includes replacement of the curb & gutter. A preliminary resolution needs to be approved so the City can proceed to assess 50% of the cost of the curb & gutter to the abutting property owners.

Morack moved and recommended to council to approve the Preliminary Resolution to assess curb & gutter on the 2009 Beacon Street project, second by Barrington. Four voting aye and O'Connell opposed. Motion carried.

-Approve Preliminary Resolution for Sidewalk. There was discussion about eliminating the assessment requirement for sidewalks. There was a motion by the board in September 2008 to change the sidewalk assessment ordinance. There were some questions why the ordinance change was not made. Bodoh suggested discussing this in the next agenda item. He pointed out that the Board waived the sidewalk assessment for the Wyman Street project.

Morack moved and recommended to council to waive the assessment on the sidewalk for the Beacon Street project, second by O'Connell. Motion carried by all.

4. Discuss the 2009 Sidewalk Rehabilitation Projects. Bodoh noted that he had a conversation with Jim Villiesse on the change to the sidewalk assessment ordinance. Villiesse had some questions on how the change to the ordinance should effect requirements and who should pay for sidewalk in a new subdivision? Are sidewalk extensions going to be done through a plan or petition? Will the sidewalk rehabilitation projects be done by the city block or by bad sections? Sidewalks in new subdivisions would be covered under the subdivision ordinance and should be paid for by the developer. The Board stated that the City do sidewalk extension through a City plan and individual petitions. Bodoh noted that the past practice for sidewalk rehabilitation was to replace bad sections. The Board does not want to change this practice at this time. The Board members stated that they want to eliminate the assessment for sidewalk extensions and sidewalk rehabilitation. This will follow with a change to ordinance Chapter 8.02(8)(a) to be reviewed and voted on at next month's Board meeting. Henke asked Bodoh to look into rubber replacement sidewalk.

5. Discuss issues regarding the Public Works Facilities needs. Morack said that he met with the Street Department's Mechanic. The Mechanic asked if any meeting on the Garage plans could be put off until Spring, because was busy with maintaining the snow removal equipment.

6. Discuss Sanitary Lateral issues. Bodoh noted that during a review of the sewer utility ordinance, in which the wording the definition for Building Sewers, Chapter 13(1)(e), was to open to misinterpretation. Bodoh said that he had met with Villiesse suggested a change to the wording. Bodoh presented the ordinance change in a memo.

Morack moved and recommended to council to change the wording for ordinance 13(1)(e) in the Sewer Utility Ordinance section, Barrington second. Motion carried by all.

5. Monthly Report of the Acting Director. O'Connell asked Bodoh to look into the cost for road salt and to see if there is a way to save money on purchasing road salt.

6. Other matters. Dean asked Bodoh about the damaged crosswalk sign on Mill Street. Bodoh said that he would look into the issue, after talking to the Street Superintendent found out someone hit the sign.

Motion by Morack to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 P.M., second by Barrington. Motion carried by all.