



January 23, 2024

Special Public Meeting Advertised for 6:30 PM

Conducted at the Cedar Lake Town Hall

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Roll Call:

Present	Robert H. Carnahan	Ward 1	Present	Mary Joan Dickson	At Large
	Board Member			Board Member	
Present	Julie Rivera	Ward 2	Present	Richard C. Thiel, Jr.	At Large
	Board Member			Board Member	
Present	Nick Recupito	Ward 3	Absent	Jennifer N. Sandberg, IAMC, CMC, CPFIM	
	Board Member			Clerk-Treasurer	
Present	Chuck Becker	Ward 4	Present	Jeff Bunge	
	Board Member			Town Manager	
Present	Greg Parker	Ward 5	Absent*	David Austgen	
	Board Member			Town Attorney	

**Attorney Ryan Deutmeyer was present.*

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. Utility Board President

Clerk-Treasurer Sandberg called for nominations for Utility Board President. Mary Joan Dickson nominated Nick Recupito. A second was made by Richard Thiel. No other nominations were made. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Becker – Yes, Parker – Yes, Dickson – Yes, Thiel – Yes, Recupito – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

2. Utility Board Vice-President

President Recupito called for nominations for Utility Board Vice-President. Richard Thiel nominated Mary Joan Dickson. A second was made by Julie Rivera. No other nominations were made. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Becker – Yes, Parker – Yes, Dickson – Yes, Thiel – Yes, Recupito – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. NIES Pay Request No. 9 for the West Side Sanitary Interceptor Project 1 payable to LGS Plumbing, Inc., in the amount of \$550,272.83

Mr. Recupito asked Mr. Bunge if he had a report. Mr. Bunge stated he does not other than this being for the West Side Sanitary Sewer Interceptor. Mr. Carnahan asked Jen if she had anything. Ms. Sandberg reported this is for work completed through January 5th. That is when the pay request was submitted to NIES Engineering. She does not have a report on work completed to date. Mr. Kubiak stated this was the final bore under the tracks. This was the last of Phase 1. There is still some restoration and the contingency before final close out. A brief discussion continued.

A motion to approve was made by Julie Rivera with second by Chuck Becker. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Becker – Yes, Parker – Yes, Dickson – Yes, Thiel – Yes, Recupito – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

2. NIES Pay Request No. 3 for the Krystal Oaks Elevated Water Tank Project payable to Advanced Engineering Services, Inc., in the amount of \$745.00

Mr. Recupito stated it looks to be for services. Ms. Sandberg stated she believes it to be the company that does the testing of the material. Mr. Kubiak stated it is the engineering service for testing at the tower. A brief discussion continued.

A motion to approve was made by Greg Parker with second by Chuck Becker. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Becker – Yes, Parker – Yes, Dickson – Yes, Thiel – Yes, Recupito – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

3. NIES Change Order 1 for the East Side Water Utility Elevated Water Storage Tank Project by Caldwell Tanks, Inc., with a net increase in the amount of \$27,919.35 to the original contract price of \$1,863,000.00 for a new total price of \$1,890,919.35

Mr. Kubiak stated this is the change order for the decorative fence. The original proposal had chain link fencing around the entire site. That does not meet the ordinance. They are upgrading the front of the fence and the gate to the wrought iron fence like the rest of the pumphouses. The remaining three sides will be black chain link fence with barbed wire at the top to match the other facilities. The price of \$27,919.35 is the difference from the original to the upgrade. Discussion continued on compliance with the rules and regulations as well as a similar look to the other facilities. Mr. Carnahan asked about putting trees around it. Mr. Kubiak stated that will be something discussed and done after restoration. Mr. Carnahan stated he wanted it on the record. Mr. Recupito asked about a photo sent to him on a running hydrant in that

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area. Mr. Kubiak stated the tank was filled and tested by Caldwell and was ready to go online. Robin's Nest still needs upgrades such as control pressures. He stated that is not complete as of yet. They tried to get Caldwell to drain the tank due to the freezing temperatures. They opened the hydrant to drain it to avoid damage during the cold. Mr. Carnahan asked if water hit the road. Mr. Kubiak stated it did. Mr. Carnahan stated there were concerns with flooded properties. Mr. Kubiak stated it is designed with the spillway. The water does make it to the curb and gutter and down the hill to make it to the storm sewer system. It worked perfectly. He stated it does not happen often and goes where it is supposed to go.

A motion to approve was made by Julie Rivera with second by Richard Thiel. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Becker – Yes, Parker – Yes, Dickson – Yes, Thiel – Yes, Recupito – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

4. Future Water Capacity Needs Planning Discussion

No update at this time.

5. Written Report

- a. **Fund Report** – Clerk-Treasurer Sandberg stated the cash and expenditure reports were previously sent out. She stated right now is the time of year to complete heavy reporting requirements. That is the focus right now.

6. Consultant(s) & Staff Report(s)

- a. **Engineer – NIES** – No update at this time.
- b. **Director of Operations/Superintendent**
 - i. **Operation & Maintenance Report** – Mr. Kubiak reported they are working on a few projects. Lift Station #13 was on bypass. The new pumps have come in and have been installed. It is back up and running. They are getting ready to fix the drop manhole where Schilling tied into the sewer line just off of Morse. When they dug it up to tie into it, they discovered there is an outside drop on that manhole. The manhole is twenty feet deep and there is an eight-inch pipe next to the manhole. The line goes into the manhole and the sewer drops down approximately fifteen feet. Before it gets to the manhole there is a tee in the line that has a drop to let the sewage drop down and enter the bottom. That pipe was failing and undermining a little under Morse. The drop needs to be replaced. The manhole is fine. Reichelt is lined up to make the correction. They will be utilizing the bypass to make the repairs to avoid the cost of rental of equipment. Discussion continued on the repairs to be done. Lift Station #19 will be scheduled with Reichelt to change out the control panel and pumps. They will also be doing new electric service. He assumes they will be scheduling soon.
- c. **Town Attorney** – No report.

- 7. **JMOB Report** – Mr. Bunge reported the next meeting will be February 13th at 5PM at the Lowell Town Hall. He stated he believes they occur quarterly. Mr. Carnahan stated the public is invited. Mr. Bunge stated this is the shared governing body of the wastewater treatment plant in Lowell. Mr. Recupito asked if there would be discussion on the Wessler Task Order. It was stated that was part of the anticipated discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT President Recupito called the meeting to adjournment at approximately 6:51 PM.

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Greg Parker, Ward 5

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ATTEST:

Richard C Thiel Jr., At-Large

Jennifer N. Sandberg, IAMC, CMC, CPFIM
Clerk-Treasurer

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 (1) The date, time, and place of the meeting.
 (2) The members of the governing body recorded as either present or absent.
 (3) The general substance of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided.
 (4) A record of all votes taken by individual members if there is a roll call.
 (5) Any additional information required under section 3.5 or 3.6 of this chapter or any other statute that authorizes a governing body to conduct a meeting using an electronic means of communication.