

**CAMBRIDGE WATER, SEWER AND STORMWATER COMMITTEE  
AMUNDSON COMMUNITY CENTER  
200 SPRING STREET – COMMUNITY ROOM**

**MINUTES**

**6:30 PM**

**AUGUST 16, 2022**

**APPROVED 9.20.2022**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call:** Breunig called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Members present: Steve Struss, Larry Gunseor, Ted Kumbier, and Kris Breunig. Others present: Dan Greve from MSA, Lukasz Lyzxa from General Engineering Company, Jim Lein, Steve Anderson. Village Staff: Tod Lord, Derek Schroedl, Chrissie Brynwood, and Vicki Redford. Struss attended the meeting at 6:31pm.

**2. Proof of Posting:** Agendas were posted in the upper and lower levels of the Amundson Community Center, Hometown Bank, Badger Bank, Cambridge Post Office, and the Village website.

**3. Approval of consent agenda**

**a.** Meeting Minutes from 07-19-2022

*Kumbier made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Gunseor seconded the motion. Motion carried on a 3-0 vote.*

**4. Approval of Bills**

*Kris Breunig made a motion to accept the bills in the amount of **\$73,149.28** Ted Kumbier seconded the motion. Motion carried on a 3-0 roll call vote.*

**5. Reports**

**a. Utility Clerk** ~ This month I helped in-office absentee voters and helped with the Election. W&S meter reading had issues with reading equipment. I called Sensus and Workhorse to get through the process. I sent out the grease trap letters. I have received documentation and receipts/proof of maintenance from most of the property owners. I will continue to follow up with customers asking for grease trap records. I have a spreadsheet with the information entered as well as a binder I made to keep paper copies of the proof of grease trap cleaning in the office. I'm Working on daily, weekly, monthly utility duties and office work.

**b. Staff Report** ~ Schroedl said there was a leaking air valve that DPW fixed. The batch meters on the softeners were not working, they were blocked with build-up. They cleaned them out and they are running now. Schroedl said he talked to CTW, and we may need to investigate the vibration/knocking at well #2. They may need to pull the pump and bring up well #3. There is mobile equipment if necessary. All the testing has been stellar. Schroedl said the Village is spending an extra \$9000 a year for extra testing. Regular monitoring is \$1500-\$2000 a year. Director Lord told the committee that the street sweeper is in really bad shape. There was brief discussion and will be discussed as an agenda item further in the meeting.

**6. Old Business:**

- a. **Discussion and Update on Grease Traps:** Utility Clerk Redford told the Committee that the grease trap letter went out. I have received documentation back from most of the property owners. I will be reaching out to these customers bi-annually for receipts/documentation of the grease trap cleaning.
- b. **Discussion and Update on Well #3 Water Treatment Facilities Project:** Dan Greve talked to the committee about the Well #3 project. Greve said the DNR is adamant that the softening equipment can not be funded by the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program. Greve said that Ehlers looked at the impact of financing the \$800,000 for softening with a Revenue Bond on the open market. This would be a \$20 increase per month, for not having the whole project funded through the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program. Breunig asked if softening was needed for the Village Water. There was discussion that softening is necessary for the upkeep of the system, and for the Village residents. Softening will be implemented at Well #3.
- c. **Discussion and Possible Action on Acceptance of a roof and gutter quote for well #2:** DPW Director Lord told the Committee that Cedar ridge had the lowest bid we got. The quotes were in the packet for the Committee to review. The Committee talked about getting a bid from Cedar Ridge for the soffit & fascia as well.

*Kumbier made a motion to accept a revised bid from Cedar Ridge for the roof & gutter, also include soffit & fascia. Not to exceed \$20,000. Struss seconded the motion. Motion carried on a 4-0 roll call vote.*

## 7. New Business:

- a. **Discussion and Possible Action regarding potential regionalization of Village of Rockdale sanitary sewer system with the Village of Cambridge sanitary sewer system:** Lukasz Lyzxa from General Engineering Company spoke for the Village of Rockdale. Lyzxa said the DNR is giving up to 3 million dollars for regionalization. This could be up to 70% of the cost. Lyzxa would like to meet with our Water Staff and figure out a way for VOC to treat Rockdale's wastewater and find a way to get the wastewater to the VOC lift station. He said the DNR is pressuring them. Lyzxa explained that the wastewater would be treated before it was sent to VOC. Rockdale uses about 30,000 gallons of water a day, Committee said treat Rockdale like a regular VOC customer. Lyzxa said Rockdale must submit "Intent to apply." They need to present their application by October 31<sup>st</sup>. DNR will require an intermunicipal agreement with Rockdale. Greve from MSA said this can be a cost-effective solution for both parties. Greve said we would meter the water and have a fixed fee too. Both VOC and Rockdale's engineers as well as COWC engineers will have to work together on this.

*Struss made a motion to tentatively approve regionalization of our wastewater with the Village of Rockdale. Breunig seconded the motion. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.*

- b. **Discussion and Possible Action regarding New Meter Reading Equipment:** Staff explained to the Committee that an upgrade is needed. Reading water meters at the beginning of the month has become very difficult. The VXU transmitter has been taken in for repair a second time. The handheld is so out of

date that Sensus told me they can't repair it anymore. Treasurer Brynwood explained that there is a system available that has one large antenna that will pull all the water readings in without the need of a truck reader or handheld. We are waiting to hear from Steve Cooper with a quote from Sensus.

- c. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Water Only/Deduct Meter at Jay Weiss's residence 302 E. Main St. for Cambridge Tree Project:** A memo was included in the packet explaining that a meter was installed at Mr. Weiss's house 16 years ago for the Cambridge Tree Project. The meter was installed as a deduct meter at his home instead of a water only meter like it should have been. Therefore, Weiss paid for the water and sewer fees on the incorrectly installed meter. Treasurer Brynwood told the Committee that she calculated the fees for the last 16 years that Weiss is owed per PSC. The total refund is \$3,733.10 for water and sewer.

*Kumbier made a motion to issue a check to Jay Weiss in the amount of \$3,733.10 for water and sewer fees paid on the Cambridge Tree Project meter. Breunig seconded the motion. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.*

- d. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Repair or Replacement of the Street Sweeper:** Schroedl told the Committee that the street sweeper is not working well. Macqueen refurbishes street sweepers, and we could trade our current sweeper for a better machine. In discussion they talked about how quickly these machines sold. So, we must move quickly.

*Struss made a motion to trade our street sweeper and purchase a refurbished street sweeper from Macqueen not to exceed \$55,000. Kumbier seconded the motion. Motion carried on a 4-0 roll call vote.*

**8. Public Comment:** None

**9. Questions, Referrals to Staff or Future Agenda Items**

**10. Adjournment:**

*Struss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kumbier seconded the motion. Breunig adjourned the meeting at 7:52pm.*

Vicki Redford, Utility Clerk

- a) Persons needing special accommodations should call 608-423-3712 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.
- b) More specific information about agenda items may be obtained by calling 608- 423-3712.
- c) A quorum of the Water & Sewer committee will attend this meeting for the purpose of gathering information relevant to their responsibilities as Water & Sewer committee members.
- d) Final Agendas are typically posted by 4 PM on the Friday preceding the regular meeting at the Amundson Community Center, Cambridge Post Office, Hometown Bank and Village of Cambridge Web site at [www.ci.cambridge.wi.us](http://www.ci.cambridge.wi.us)