



**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** N. Washburn, D. Anastasio, R. Pucely, D. Taivalkoski

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:** K. Kryger

**VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** B. Eastman

**VILLAGE STAFF:** T. Beyer, R. Bowers, L. Weber, T. Alvarez, W. Hanson

**OTHER PRESENT:** A. Thompson, A. Menke, D. Kraft

**CALL TO ORDER** – The Utilities Commission meeting was called to order by D. Taivalkoski at 1:00 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

#### **A. MISCELLANEOUS**

- 1. Approval of the October 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes** – D. Anastasio motioned to approve the October 28, 2021 meeting minutes as presented, R. Pucely seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
- 2. Request for Distribution Easement – WE Energies Pike River Corridor** – WE Energies would like to decommission an outdated line and modernized the facility. They require a 12 ft. easement. D. Anastasio motioned to approve the Distribution Easement from WE Energies for the Pike River Corridor, N. Washburn seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **B. SANITARY SEWER UTILITY**

- 1. Chicory Road Sanitary Sewer Capacity Study** – Village staff has been working with the Racine Wastewater Utility on this project. Proposals were submitted by three engineering firms that will be reviewed by staff for design selection. Once complete, the Village will secure a Clean Water Fund loan and construction can begin in 2023.
- 2. Cozy Acres Road Sanitary Sewer Capacity Study** – The Commission was provided with the complete engineering study performed by Brown & Caldwell. There are several possible options proposed in the study to alleviate the capacity concerns in the Cozy Acres area. Televising would be the first step to identify the properties with defects. Staff and the Commission would like the televising complete and reviewed before deciding on the best possible option. There is money in the budget for this project to perform the televising. The Commission would like Staff to proceed with televising.
- 3. Recommendation for Award of Contract – 2021 CIPP Lining Project** – The Village received three bids for the 2021 CIPP Lining Project. The bid from Visu-Sewer came in significantly lower than the Engineer's Estimate for \$255,000. D. Anastasio motioned to approve the bid from Visu-Sewer in the amount of \$78,625, R. Pucely seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **C. STORM WATER DRAINAGE UTILITY**

- 1. Hood's Creek Improvements** – The Commission was provided with a letter from the representative for Whitley Farms. The Village had an appraisal performed in August and the property owner felt that the appraisal was very low. D. Kraft (Hey & Associates) informed

the Commission that this area was identified as wetland area and is undevelopable due to DNR regulations. Staff would like to respond to the letter with a possible sign off by the DNR as to why this project would be beneficial to both parties and would be a great use for the area. N. Washburn motioned to allow for Village staff to send a follow up letter to the Whitley's as drafted by Hey & Associates and signed by T. Beyer, R. Pucely seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- 2. 2022-2023 Respect Our Waters Contract** – The Village was once a part of the SE WI Clean Water Network which hired Root-Pike WIN to fulfil DNR storm water permit requirements. The group was dissolved approximately 3 years ago and the Village continued to use Root-Pike WIN for the service. The Commission was provided with a 2-year contract for Root-Pike WIN to facilitate the services for the Village only. D. Anastasio motioned to approve the contract from Root-Pike WIN in the amount of \$11,880, N. Washburn seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
- 3. Thompson & Associates – Proposal for Winter Funding of Pike River Maintenance for Jan 1 –April 15, 2022** – There have been ongoing drainage issues in portions of the Pike River due to beaver habitats. Thompson & Associates has been researching and installed beaver culverts in active damns along the Pike River to help alleviate the drainage issues. A. Thompson (Thompson & Associates) has been working on the Pike River project since the beginning. She has heard about other municipalities using beaver culverts. They would like funding to monitor the culverts over the winter. A. Menke (Thompson & Associates) informed the Commission that they, along with Village staff, have been continuously trapping the beavers and removing the damns, only for them to return almost immediately. The beaver dens are unable to be removed per the DNR. One of the highest priorities is to keep the Pike River flowing. N. Washburn motioned to approve the Winter Maintenance contract for Thompson & Associates for the not-to-exceed amount of \$7850, D. Anastasio seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **D. REPORTS**

- 1. Director of Public Works – Kraut Rd. Storm Sewer Project** – Staff has made contact with property owner and will be meeting with them next week. If the property owner signs off on the easement, Staff can move forward with project.
- 2. Deputy Director of Public Works** - None
- 3. Public Works Utility Manager** - None

**E. ADJOURN** – D. Taivalkoski adjourned the Utilities Commission meeting at 2:23 pm.