Chairman Rich Anderson called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 6:30 PM on Thursday June 5, 2014. Members present: Anderson, Ebner and Jorstad. Also present: Director of Public Works Dean Olson and Administrator Scott Heinig and Assistant Director of Public Works Pete Mezera.

Motion by Jorstad, seconded by Anderson, to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2014 meeting - carried unanimously.

Public Comment

There were no comments.

Director's Monthly Report

Sanitary Sewer Department

The WWTP has been operating well. The air leak was repaired by Public Works Crew last week. The sludge has been removed and spread on the field across from the plant prior to Mr. Knutson planting crops. Flow Rite was here last week to televise the sanitary sewer lines within the 2014 street construction project limits and found no significant problems. The Lee lift station pump was pulled and sent in to be re-built.

Water Department

The pool was filled on 5/20. Although we took specific measures to avoid getting discolored water complaints, there were a few from different locations in the community. We will be looking at modifying our hydrant flushing program this fall to try and get the mains cleaned better. We had a lightning strike at well #6 that burned out the main breaker. Kish Electric came to make repairs to get the well running again.

Street Department

We have completed our first round of sweeping and are now taking a look at specific areas that may need to be addressed again. Staff has been working to patch pot holes in some of the streets. The sidewalk work associated with the 2013 street project has been completed. MSA had been working on the design for the stop lights at Sunset Drive. Much of the background investigation and environmental paperwork is done and the final design is in for review, with construction of the bases and sidewalk this fall.

Storm Water Department

Chipping was completed on Wednesday. We have also been working to replace broken parts on some of the storm inlets.
Other

We continue to add data to our mapping file in Autocad for use with utility locations and mapping. We have been asked if a 3-way stop would be considered for the intersection of Main and State. Since these roads are County Highways, DPW Olson will contact the County Highway Commissioner to see how this might be accomplished. Christian Strauss has been working on a service project to reach Eagle Status. He has been stenciling inlets to bring awareness to the public.

Action Items

Recommend to Village Board – Resolution #8-2014 - CMAR Review - Each year the Village is required to submit a Compliance Maintenance annual report for the wastewater treatment plant and sewer collection system. Before it is submitted, the report must be reviewed and approved by the Village Board. The summary page at the end of the report indicates a the system got an “A” in all categories. Motion by Jorstad, seconded by Ebner to recommend approval of Resolution #8-2014 to the Village Board – carried unanimously.

Recommendation to Village Board - W, Wall Street Water Main project contract award - Plans for the replacement of the water main in W. Wall Street and extension of the main north to connect at W. Legion Street were prepared by staff and put out for bid. We had 5 bids on the project, with the lowest being submitted by Winona Mechanical. Motion by Ebner, seconded by Jorstad to recommend approval to award the contract with Winona Mechanical for the project in the amount of $63,107.00 – carried unanimously.

Recommendation to Village Board – Chip seal agreement with La Crosse County – DPW Olson has contacted La Crosse County to get a quote for chip sealing a number of streets in the Village. The County has provided a quote of $1.65 per square yard for the streets on the list, with the condition that the price may be lower, once all costs are evaluated. Motion by Jorstad, seconded by Ebner to recommend approval of the agreement with La Crosse County to chip seal the streets listed at a maximum cost of $1.65 per square yard, with a budget not to exceed $42,000 – carried unanimously.

Recommendation to Village Board – Pump Repair – Lee Lift Station – We have had to pull and clean pumps at the Lee Lift Station weekly, indicating a developing problem with the pumps. Over time, a gap is created between the wear ring and the impeller that catches debris and causes it to jam the pump. We have the pump milled and fitted with a stainless steel wear ring that has proven to be more durable and extending the pump life. Motion by Jorstad, seconded by Ebner to recommend approval of the repairs to the Lee Lift Station pump in the amount of $3058.80 – carried unanimously.

Recommendation to Village Board – Roof Repairs – Well #6 – Well #6 was built on 2001, using shingles that have had a history of rapid deterioration. This past winter’s weather, along with winds this spring has caused additional damage to the shingles, exposing the roof sheeting to the elements. We received quotes from two contractors for replacement of the roof. Although this was not a budgeted item, the condition of the roof needs to be addressed to assure protection of the rest of the roof components. There is also a claim that can be submitted for reimbursement of a small portion of the cost as a result of a class action settlement. Motion by Jorstad, seconded by Ebner to recommend approval of the agreement with North Country Contractors for repairs to the roof at Well #6 for a cost not to exceed $4,700.00 – carried unanimously.
Other

Assistant DPW mention to the committee that Brian Lee started work with the Public Works crew on June 2nd and appears to be fitting in well.

Adjourn

Motion by Ebner, seconded by Jorstad to adjourn at 7:20 PM - carried unanimously.

Dean K. Olson
Director of Public Works