**Water & Sewer Commission Meeting**

**January 31, 2022**

The Independence Water & Sewer Commission met on Monday, January 31, 2022 at City Hall, 23688 Adams Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:21 by Chad Miemietz. In attendance were Mayor Baecker, Craig Konter, Tom Kloss, Tom Jensen, Jason Ekern, Joe Galewski, and Lenice Pronschinske

**Approval of Minutes - December 27, 2021**

Motion by Jason Ekern and seconded by Tom Jenson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**SEH Updates**

Nothing to report from SEH.

Lenice will check with Katie Jo to see if she knows when we are supposed to meet with GNP to do a review on the BOD billing.

Chad will contact SEH to see if we can get a facility analysis for the sewer treatment plant for next month’s meeting.

**New Business:**

**NIC-Back-up**

Chad will work with Lenice to get an ad out for the sewer repairs in front of NIC. Tom Kloss has been in contact with Mike Warner and informed him that the plan is to get this work done this spring.

**Customer Water Usage Issue**

Someone will contact Attorney Michalak and ask him what we can do. Can we dig up the sewer line and cap it off?

**Sewer Pipe Condition**

Discussion on the condition of the sewer line from behind Olde Creamery Antiques that runs behind the houses on River Street was had. We have been having the line camera shot and roots cut out every year. Joe will get some information about using a pipe filter rather than digging up everyone’s property to fix this for the next meeting.

**Valve Replacement**

There are 11 valves in the city that need to be replaces. Joe will get 2 bids in writing from Erickson and another contractor and bring back to the next meeting.

**Year-to-Date Revenue and Expense Report**

Nothing this month.

**Superintendent’s Report**

* Joe asked about attending the Water Conference in March
* The Girl Scouts have invited Joe to their meeting to talk about water and sewer.
* Testing is available online. It is an online fee of $80.00 plus $25.00 for the test. Joe has been instructed to get 1 test scheduled and the utility will pay for it.

**Date & Items for Next Month’s Meeting**

February 28th, 2022

 SEH Updates – Facility Analysis and Pilgrim’s Billing

 NIC Backup – Contractor Contact

 Customer Water Usage Issue

 Sewer Pipe Repair

 Valve Replacement

 Revenue and Expense Reports

**Commissioner’s Comments**

* The current water temperature is 45⸰.
* It was asked if they have been putting salt in the storm drains.
* We talked about upgrading the meter reader gun – Get prices for next meeting

**Adjournment**

Motion by Craig Konter and seconded by Tom Kloss for adjournment. Motion carried at 7:05pm.

Lenice Pronschinske

City Clerk