

MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC WORKS BOARD
CITY OF GENESEO, HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MAY 4, 2010

ROLL CALL

The Public Works Board met Tuesday, May 4, 2010 in the City Council Chambers, 115 South Oakwood Avenue. Chairman Ed Deener called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Mayor Van Der Leest, Aldermen Lowell Ewert, Bob Wachtel and Karen West; and Citizen Members Brett Lohman and Al Wulf answered roll call. Public Service Superintendent Klint Rice and Water & Sewer Superintendent Marvin Ong; Aldermen Curt Spensley and Josh Pierce; and the press were present. Citizen Members Tom Domino and Mike Kiss arrived later in the meeting.

AUDIENCE REQUESTS

Chairman Deener updated citizens on the merging of the Boards. Tivis Manual and Nathan Huddleson presented their current plans for the soccer fields housed at Richmond Hill. They have a list of questions they have requested to be answered prior to submission of their final plan and calendar of events to engage the project.

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Ewert, second by Lohman to open the public hearing at 6:23 PM.
VOICE VOTE; ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Curt Spensley stated he has received numerous communications from citizens on why the 40% increase had to be now and why all at once. It was the majority consensus that something needs to be done to address the shortfall but perhaps 10% each year for four years; or perhaps, 20% the first year following by 10% the subsequent two years. Water & Sewer Superintendent Ong stated they have been falling behind and not keeping current. At forty (40%) percent, the department would just break even.

Motion by Van Der Leest, second by Ewert to close the public hearing at 6:40 PM.
VOICE VOTE; ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Lohman, second by Van Der Leest to approve a proposed sewer rate increase of forty (40%) percent effective July 1, 2010.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES:	5	VAN DER LEEST, DEENER, WEST, LOHMAN AND WULF
NAYS:	2	EWERT AND WACHTEL
ABSTAIN:	0	
ABSENT:	2	DOMINO AND KISS

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

Motion by Lohman, second by Wulf to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2010, regular meeting of the Water & Sewer Board as written.
VOICE VOTE; ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ewert, second by West to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2010, regular meeting of the Public Service Board as written.

VOICE VOTE; ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET/BILLS PAID

Motion by Wachtel, second by West to approve the bills paid for the month of April, 2010.

VOICE VOTE; ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Van Der Leest stated the purchasing is moved to be centralized and conducted jointly throughout the City by July 1, 2010.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Motion by Ewert, second by Wachtel to accept the Superintendent's Report for the Cemetery, Park and Street Department.

VOICE VOTE; ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT

Motion by Lohman, second by West to accept the Superintendent's Report for the Water & Sewer Department.

VOICE VOTE; ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

COUNTRY MANOR SOD BID

Rice reported there was only one bid submitted and it is before the board.

Motion by Van Der Leest, second by Ewert to accept the bid from Bush Turf, Inc. in the amount of \$48,000 for the Country Manor Phases IV and V.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 5 VAN DER LEEST, DEENER, EWERT, WACHTEL & WEST

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 2 LOHMAN AND WULF

ABSENT: 2 DOMINO AND KISS

MOTION CARRIED

Kiss and Domino arrived at the meeting at 7:00 PM.

LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION PROJECT

Rice reported on the update of the stimulus project from last fall and how the program allocates the funding with the monies.

Motion by Ewert, second by Wachtel to approve the allocation of funds in the amount of \$14,799.00 for amendment to the Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for Stimulus Project.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 7 VAN DER LEEST, DEENER, EWERT, KISS, LOHMAN, WACHTEL , WEST

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 2 DOMINO AND WULF

ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

STATE STREET RESOLUTION

Rice explained this is the main artery through town and by designating it a Federal Highway System STU monies may be utilized for the roadway. The City would still be required to pay a portion of the projects but the majority would be paid by STU funds when available.

Motion by Van Der Leest, second by Ewert to approve RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GENESEO, HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF APPORTION OF STATE STREET TO BE DESIGNATED AS A FEDERAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM.

VOICE VOTE; ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

FY 2010/2011 PROPOSED BUDGET

Rice reviewed his budget and rationale on the modifications reflected in it. Ong also reviewed areas where he feels he can reduce some of the line items. Ong reminded the board that his budget reflects a 20% increase in sewer rates and will need to be adjusted pending final decision by the City Council on the 40% increase. Consideration to save costs was to read meters every other month.

Discussion only; no vote taken.

DOWNTOWN PARKING LOT

Rice stated Missman Stanley has a field survey complete. He estimated projected costs for the repairs and an overall cost of \$90,000 for the project. The board requested Rice to go out for bids and the Board will make a final decision upon return of the numbers relevant to fix the parking lot.

WIRTH PARKING SPACES AND WALK PATH

Request was made by Ray Wirth for a walk path and designated parking spaces
Motion by Ewert, second by Van Der Leest to approve Rice to designate parking spaces and a walk path with Wirth, Inc.

VOICE VOTE; ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Van Der Leest, second by Wachtel to enter into executive session pursuant to Personnel matter pursuant to: **5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)** The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity at 8:10 PM.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 9 VAN DER LEEST, DEENER, DOMINO, EWERT, KISS, LOHMAN, WACHTEL, WEST AND WULF

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Van Der Leest, second by West to return to regular session at 8:32 PM.

VOICE VOTE; ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

No action taken after executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ewert, second by Wachtel to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:32 PM.
VOICE VOTE; ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Kotecki, Board Secretary