



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Waterworks Commission

*President John Engel, Vice President Kathy DeMatthew,
Mayor John Dickert, Alderman Ronald D. Hart,
Alderman Michael D. Shields, Tracy Richters, Thomas Bunker*

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

4:00 PM

City Hall Annex - Room 227

1. Roll Call

OTHERS PRESENT: K. Haas, M. Gitter, K. Scolaro, N. Sanders, A. Lesnjak, K. Wanggaard, J. Hewitt, M. Kosterman, R. Pace, J. Mandala, C. Wright, H. Stacey, A. Wheeler, S. Cryer, R. King, J. Muratore, B. Henkel, B. Kramer, R. Gilbreath, M. Carr, B. Bartel, R. Schroedel

PRESENT: 5 - John Engel, Michael Shields, Kathy DeMatthew, Thomas Bunker and Thomas Friedel

EXCUSED: 3 - John Dickert, Ronald D. Hart and Tracy Richters

2. Approval of Minutes for the August 2012 Meeting

A motion was made by Alderman Michael Shields, seconded by Thomas Friedel, that this be to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

3. [12-8107](#)

Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Waterworks Finance Committee Held on September 5, 2012

Recommendation: Approve

A motion was made by Alderman Michael Shields, seconded by Thomas Friedel, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

4. [12-8108](#)

Subject: Budget Expenditures for August 2012 Totaling \$1,427,374.22

Recommendation: Approve

A motion was made by Secretary Kathy DeMatthew, seconded by Alderman Michael Shields, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

5. [12-8109](#)

Subject: Project Reports:

A) Update on Negotiations with Caledonia on a Wholesale Water Agreement

B) Update on Discussions with Waukesha

C) Discussion of New Health Benefit Plans for Medical Expenses

Recommendation: Receive and File

Project reports were given by staff.

Received and Filed

6. [12-8110](#) **Subject:** Bid Opening Results on Contract W-12-8, 2012 Pavement Restoration, Phase 2
- Recommendation:** Approve
- The General Manager submitted bid results on Contract W-12-8 in the amount of \$82,379.00 and recommended approval to the lowest responsible bidder, that being The Azarian Companies.*
- A motion was made by Alderman Michael Shields, seconded by Thomas Friedel, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.**
7. [12-8082](#) **Subject:** Change Order No. 1 on Contract W-12-5, South Side Water Main Replacement, MJ Construction, Inc. (Contractor)
- Recommendation:** Approve
- The General Manager submitted Change Order No. 1 on Contract W-12-5 in the credit amount of \$4,026.80 and recommends approval.*
- A motion was made by Thomas Bunker, seconded by Thomas Friedel, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.**
8. [12-8083](#) **Subject:** Final Pay Request on Contract W-12-5, South Side Water Main Replacement, MJ Construction, Inc. (Contractor)
- Recommendation:** Approve
- The General Manager submitted final pay request on Contract W-12-5. He recommended that the work performed by MJ Construction, Inc. be accepted and final payment be authorized for a total contract amount of \$323,783.20.*
- A motion was made by Alderman Michael Shields, seconded by Secretary Kathy DeMatthew, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.**
9. [12-8111](#) **Subject:** Submittal of the Report of the Finance Committee of the Racine Waterworks Commission Regarding Year 2013 Water Utility Operations and Maintenance Budget and the 2013-2017 Capital Improvements Budget Recommending Adoption
- Recommendation of the Racine Waterworks Commission on 9/25/12:** To adopt
- FURTHER RECOMMEND, THE ITEM BE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
- The General Manager noted that Item No. 18 in the amount of \$100,000.00 has been added to the CIP for the construction of a 12" water main on Highway H to Renaissance for 2013. He also noted two other additions to the CIP for 2014, that being oversizing of water mains in the amount of \$300,000.00 and construction of a*

12"/16" water main on Hwy. V in the amount of \$1,460,000.00.

A motion was made by Thomas Bunker, seconded by Alderman Michael Shields, that this be Recommended For Adoption. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

10. [12-8112](#)

Subject: Election of Officers

Recommendation: Approve

At the August meeting, the General Manager distributed a list of proposed officers for 2012-2013 and recommended that the following slates of proposed officers be approved.

BOARD OF RACINE WATERWORKS COMMISSIONERS:

*President: Kathleen DeMatthew
Vice-President: Alderman Ronald Hart
Secretary: Thomas Bunker*

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

*Chairman: John Engel
Tracy Richters
Alderman Ronald Hart
Thomas Bunker
Kathleen DeMatthew
Alderman Michael Shields*

BUILDING COMMITTEE:

*Alderman Ronald Hart
Thomas Bunker
Alderman Michael Shields*

A motion was made by Thomas Friedel, seconded by Alderman Michael Shields, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

11. [12-8077](#)

Subject: Request from BRP for a Low Capacity Well in Sturtevant - Joe Muratore Invited to the Meeting

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager noted that BRP, a company located in the Village of Sturtevant, would like to have a low capacity well. He stated that the Utility has met with BRP representatives and they are in disagreement and are deficient in answering questions asked by the Utility.

A motion was made by Thomas Friedel, seconded by Thomas Bunker, that all of the following be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Authorize the General Manager of the Racine Water Utility (RWU) to work with Attorney Joe Muratore to develop ordinance changes in Sturtevant to ensure that ordinances are fully consistent with the Retail Water Agreement such that new residential, commercial, and industrial developments obtain water exclusively from the Racine Water Utility.

Further, authorize the General Manager of the RWU to send a letter to BRP expressing its displeasure with their decisions regarding water sourcing for their new expansion.

Further, authorize the General Manager of the RWU to explore all options that the Racine Water Utility may have for responding to BRP's actions regarding water sourcing for their new expansion.

Further, authorize the General Manager of the RWU to send a letter to Sturtevant regarding violation of the Retail Water Agreement and ordinances in the Village of Sturtevant.

Further, authorize the General Manager of the RWU to work with Attorney Joe Muratore to review ordinances in other municipalities and suggest revisions in those communities with regard to the retail water agreements.

12. [12-8088](#)

Subject: Communication from the General Manager Submitting a Suggested Ordinance Change Regarding Well Permitting - Joe Muratore Invited to the Meeting

Recommendation: Defer

The General Manager asked that this item be deferred.

A motion was made by Alderman Michael Shields, seconded by Thomas Bunker, that this be Deferred. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

13. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Alderman Michael Shields made a motion, seconded by Vice President Kathy DeMatthew, to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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