



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Waterworks Commission

*President Thomas Friedel, Vice President Kathy DeMatthew, Secretary Jeff Pellegrom
Mayor Gary Becker, Alderman Ronald D. Hart, Brian Anderson, Michael Staeck*

Tuesday, March 25, 2008

4:00 PM

City Hall Annex - Room 227

1. Roll Call

*OTHERS PRESENT: K. Haas, M. Gitter, K. Scolaro, N. Sanders, J. Jordan, A. Wheeler,
R. King, M. Kosterman, R. Pace, R. Lui, R. Keland, J. Hewitt, D. Nelson*

PRESENT: 5 - Kathy DeMatthew, Brian Anderson, Ronald D. Hart, Gary Becker and
Thomas Friedel

EXCUSED: 2 - Jeff Pellegrom and Michael Staeck

2. Approval of Minutes for the February 2008 Meeting

*Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hart, to approve
the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Waterworks Commissioners held on
Tuesday, February 26, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.*

to Approve the Minutes

3. [08-1866](#)

Subject: Project Reports

- A) Environmental Protection Agency 40/30 Waiver
- B) Associated Press News on Pharmaceuticals
- C) Security Improvements
- D) Caledonia/Oak Creek Water Agreement

Recommendation: Receive and File

Project reports were given by staff.

Received and Filed

4. [08-1757](#)

Subject: Update on New Berlin Water Talks

Recommendation: Receive and File

*The General Manager noted that he met with the Mayor of New Berlin. He mentioned that
a study to see if it was feasible for New Berlin to buy their water supply from the Racine
Water Utility would cost approximately \$10,000.00, but he stated that New Berlin was only
willing to pay up to \$2,500.00. The General Manager also stated that the Mayor of New
Berlin is willing to attend one of the Waterworks Commission meetings to discuss further.
He also noted that if New Berlin would buy their water from Racine, it would initially
generate a revenue of \$2.8 million plus fire protection for the Racine Water Utility.*

Received and Filed

5. [08-1867](#) **Subject:** Bid Results on Contract W-08-6, 2008 Pavement Replacement

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager submitted the bid results on Contract W-08-6 and recommended that the contract be awarded to the low bidder.

Commissioner Becker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the low bid of John's Concrete on Contract W-08-6, 2008 Pavement Replacement, in the amount of \$300,995.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

6. [08-1873](#) **Subject:** Clark Dietz Proposal Regarding a Facility Needs Study

Recommendation: Receive and File

The General Manager received a proposal from Clark Dietz to do a facility needs study for the purpose of relocating the Meter and Construction Departments. The proposal is in the amount of \$22,500.00, and the General Manager recommended approval. There was further discussion and the Commission did not approve this proposal. They recommended doing a study internally.

Commissioner Becker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DeMatthew, to receive and file the proposal from Clark Dietz in the amount of \$22,500.00 for a facility needs study. The motion passed unanimously.

Received and Filed

7. [08-1891](#) **Subject:** Authorization of the General Manager to Hire Ruekert-Mielke regarding the Elizabeth Towers Project in Racine, if necessary

Recommendation: Defer

The General Manager requested authorization to hire Ruekert-Mielke with regard to running a computer flow model for fire protection for the Elizabeth Towers project in the City of Racine.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DeMatthew, to defer this item. The motion passed unanimously.

Deferred

8. [08-1851](#) **Subject:** Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Stephen Schwallie for consideration

Recommendation of the Waterworks Commission on 3/25/08: Deny the claim of Stephen Schwallie

The General Manager noted that he received a claim from the City Attorney for Stephen Schwallie for damages arising from an automobile accident with one of the Water Utility employees. He noted that the City Attorney recommended denial of this claim.

Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to deny the claim of Stephen Schwallie in the amount of \$250,000.00 for damages arising from an

automobile accident with a Water Utility employee. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommended For Denial

CLOSED SESSION

It is the intent that the Waterworks Commission convene in closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(a) to deliberate concerning a case which was the subject of a hearing before that governmental body. It is also the intent that open session will follow closed session.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DeMatthew, to move the meeting into closed session at 4:25 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

9. [08-1874](#) **Subject:** Department of Natural Resources Meeting Relating to the Lead and Copper Rule

Recommendation: Receive and File

Discussion was held regarding a meeting that took place with the Department of Natural Resources relating to the lead and copper rule.

Received and Filed

OPEN SESSION

The meeting moved into open session at 4:40 p.m.

10. [08-1875](#) **Subject:** Authorization of the General Manager to Represent the Water Commission in Discussions with Department Natural Resources Relating to the Lead and Copper Rule

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager requested authorization to go into discussions with the Department of Natural Resources regarding the lead and copper rule.

Commissioner Becker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to authorize the General Manager to represent the Water Commission in discussions with the Department of Natural Resources relating to the lead and copper rule, and to enlist the support of consultants and/or legal assistance to deal with any and all issues that may arise. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

11. [08-1901](#) **Subject:** Agreement Between Racine Water Utility and Village of Sturtevant Relating to Construction of Water Mains in Sturtevant

Recommendation of the Waterworks Commission on 3/25/08: That the Racine/Sturtevant Joint Engineering/Construction Management Agreement be approved and referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee.

The General Manager noted that the Racine Water Utility and the Village of Sturtevant have drawn up an agreement with regard to the construction of water mains in Sturtevant.

The General Manager requested that this agreement be approved.

Commissioner Becker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hart, to approve the agreement between the Racine Water Utility and the Village of Sturtevant relating to construction of water mains in Sturtevant. Furthermore, that this item be referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

12. Other Business

No other business to report.

13. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Commissioner Becker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hart, to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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