



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Wastewater Commission

President John Engel, Vice President John Hewitt, Secretary Thomas Bunker, Kathy DeMatthew, Mayor John Dickert, Thomas Friedel, Robert Lui, Alderman Ronald D. Hart, Robert Pucely, Chris Larsen, Esther Holding, Joseph Mandala, Howard Stacey, Chris Wright, Alderman James Morgenroth

Tuesday, August 27, 2013

4:30 PM

City Hall Annex - Room 227

1. Roll Call

OTHERS PRESENT: K. Haas, M. Gitter, K. Scolaro, N. Sanders, R. Pace, M. Carr, R. Gilbreath, J. Muratore, J. Acheson, M. Williams

PRESENT: 11 - John Dickert, Thomas Friedel, Robert Lui, Chris Wright, Howard Stacey, Robert Pucely, James Morgenroth, Kathy DeMatthew, John Engel, Thomas Bunker and Joseph Mandala

EXCUSED: 4 - Chris Larsen, Ronald D. Hart, Esther Holding and John Hewitt

2. Approval of Minutes for the July 2013 Meeting

A motion was made by Joseph Mandala, seconded by Kathy DeMatthew, that this be to Approve the Minutes. The motion **PASSED** by a Voice Vote.

3. [13-9269](#)

Subject: Budget Expenditures for July 2013 Totaling \$1,122,712.24

Recommendation: Approve

A motion was made by Kathy DeMatthew, seconded by James Morgenroth, that this be Approved. The motion **PASSED** by a Voice Vote.

4. [13-9270](#)

Subject: Project Reports:

- A) Update on Household Hazardous Waste Program - August 2013 Event
- B) Budget Hearing - September 4, 2013
- C) WEFTEC 2013
- D) Update on Sturtevant Land Use and Impacts to COSS
- E) OpenCel Status Update

Recommendation: Receive and File

Project reports were given by staff.

Received and Filed

5. [13-9271](#)

Subject: Wastewater Commission Directors Insurance Policy Renewal

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager submitted a proposal from Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. with regard to the Wastewater Commission Directors Insurance Policy. He noted that this insurance provides the Wastewater Commissioners with protection for Liability and Employment Practices Liability coverage. The General Manager recommended approval.

A motion was made by Secretary Thomas Bunker, seconded by John Dickert, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

6. [13-9272](#)

Subject: Submission of the 2014 Proposed Operations and Maintenance Budget and the Proposed 2014-2018 Capital Improvement Plan

Recommendation: Receive and File

The General Manager distributed the 2014 Proposed Budget and noted that this is for informational purposes only. He stated that a special meeting of the Finance Committee of the Board of Wastewater Commissioners is scheduled for September 4, 2013, at the Wastewater Utility.

Received and Filed

7. [10-4897](#)

Subject: Request from the General Manager for Authority to Initiate Notifications Associated with the Grove Avenue Storage Basin and Ohio Street Interceptor Improvements (The General Manager recommends that this item be received and filed.)

Recommendation: Receive and File

The General Manager noted that because this item has been deferred and no action has been taken for quite some time, he recommended to receive and file.

A motion was made by John Dickert, seconded by Thomas Friedel, that this be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

8. [10-5029](#)

Subject: 90-Day Notification for Recently Constructed Wastewater Projects (TAC Recommended to Defer) (The General Manager recommends that this item be received and filed.)

Recommendation: Receive and File

The General Manager noted that because this item has been deferred and no action has been taken for quite some time, he recommended to receive and file.

A motion was made by Robert Lui, seconded by John Dickert, that this be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

9. [13-8748](#)

Subject: Review and Approval of the 2012 Performance Evaluation of the General Manager (The General Manager recommends that this item be received and filed.)

Recommendation: Receive and File

The General Manager noted that because this item has been deferred and since been resolved, he recommended to receive and file.

A motion was made by Thomas Friedel, seconded by John Dickert, that this be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

10. [13-9278](#)

Subject: Discussion of Progress Regarding a Long-Term Biosolids Management Plan

Recommendation: Receive and File

The General Manager noted that he would be attending the Caledonia Planning Commission meeting on August 28 to find out their decision with regard to a long-term biosolids management plan. He then noted that the next step would be that this decision would be presented before the Caledonia Village Board at their meeting next week, which he also plans on attending. The General Manager noted that this was for informational purposes only.

Received and Filed

11. [13-9279](#)

Subject: Letter from Republic Services Offering Short-Term Solutions for Biosolids Disposal

Recommendation: Defer

The General Manager stated that he received a proposal from Republic Services, Inc. with regard to a short-term solution for biosolids disposal. It was suggested that this item be deferred pending the decision of the Caledonia Village Board and future negotiations with Synagro.

A motion was made by Robert Lui, seconded by Thomas Friedel, that this be Deferred. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

12. [13-9280](#)

Subject: Request to Enter into a Long-Term Biosolids Contract on Behalf of the Commission should Caledonia Approve a Rezoning for a Storage Building

Recommendation: Receive and File

The General Manager requested to enter into a long-term biosolids contract with Synagro should Caledonia approve the storage site presented to them by Synagro. Commissioner Lui stated that this item is premature and did not believe that this should be approved since the Village of Caledonia has not yet made a decision on this matter. Therefore, it was recommended that this item be received and filed.

A motion was made by Robert Lui, seconded by Kathy DeMatthew, that this be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

13. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Robert Lui made a motion, seconded by Thomas Bunker, to adjourn to meeting at 5:33 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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