

CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS



WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes October 23, 2018

Chairman Bylut called to order the regular meeting of the Water and Sewer Committee at 6:30 p.m. in the Palos Heights Administration Building, 7607 W. College Drive, Palos Heights, IL.

Present were Chairman Bylut, Alderman Fulkerson, Alderman Basso, Public Works Director Scott Smith, and Recording Secretary Pat Sheppard. Absent was Alderman McGrogan.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Bylut moved to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2018 meeting, seconded by Alderman Fulkerson. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Director's Report: Scott Smith

- Water Main Repairs. There had been four (4) water main breaks/repairs in the past month.
- Lift Station Service. There was a power issue at the Menominee lift station, which was unrelated to the City's equipment, and was causing disruptions. Scott hoped the issue had been resolved by ComEd. Scott said another issue was aging pumps that were causing an overload on the controls and the pumps.
- Lift Station Controls Upgrade. Scott said there was a small computer system that runs the lift stations which was out-of-date as was the support for the software. The proposal to upgrade the boards at all nine (9) lift stations was \$6,000.00 which Scott thought was very reasonable.
- 127th & Rt. 83 Project Update. Scott reported the project still had not gone out for bid. He hoped the watermain work would be done during the off-season.
- Leak Survey Result. The contractor, M.E. Simpson, had detected approximately five (5) leaks and a couple of hydrants. Repairs on the leaks were being made in-house.
- SCADA Control Updates. The SCADA Upgrade project at the pump stations was completed. Scott requested the approval of a payment to Metropolitan Industries in the amount of \$90,756.00, noting 10% retainage was being held.

Chairman Bylut moved to approve payment to Metropolitan Industries in the amount of \$90,756.00 for work completed on the SCADA Control Updates Project, seconded by Alderman Fulkerson. On a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried. **AGENDA**

Lift Station Upgrades

Scott said two (2) of the lift stations were built in the 1960's: one at 127th & 70th Avenue, the other at Menominee which serves about half of Navajo Hills. These lift stations were starting to deteriorate and repairs would be costly. If MWRD allows, the pumps could be moved and the controls updated. He also felt each station should have a generator. Scott estimated the cost to be between \$250,000 - \$300,000 per station. Scott suggested having RJN Group do preliminary engineering and a preliminary permit application to MWRD to see if they would accept it.

Alderman Fulkerson moved to authorize RJN Group to do preliminary engineering study

and submit a preliminary permit application to MWRD for the two (2) lift station upgrades, seconded by Chairman Bylut. On a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Other

Scott told the committee that Kathy Jirik had just sent out shut-off notices in case they get any calls.

Morris Engineering

No Report

Adjourn

There being no further business, Alderman Fulkerson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chairman Bylut.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Sheppard
Recording Secretary