



VILLAGE OF WEBSTER

# WASTEWATER FACILITIES PLAN PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Wednesday – August 12, 2015

5:45 p.m. @Village Office

7505 Main Street West, Webster, WI

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Village President, Jeff Roberts; called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.
- II. **PRESENT** – Village President, Jeff Roberts; and Trustee's, Tim Maloney; Greg Widiker; Darrell Sears; and Sarah Casady. Also Present: Theresa Anderson, MSA; Clerk-Treasurer, Patrice Bjorklund and Chief, Michael Spafford. Absent: Trustee's, Charlie Weis and Kelsey Gustafson.
- III. **WASTEWATER FACILITIES PLAN DISCUSSION** – Theresa Anderson of MSA was present to conduct the Public Hearing. She went over the following points:
- A. Why is the project needed?
- The Village of Webster operates a wastewater collection system to transport wastewater to their wastewater treatment facility. The system contains lift stations at locations where wastewater needs to be pumped to higher elevations. Lift Stations No. 1, 2, and 3 have been in service for more than 25 years and are in need of rehabilitation to the pumps and controls. Additionally, like most wastewater collection systems, Webster's system is subject to infiltration and inflow (I/I). This "clear water" entering the sewer is then required to be pumped and treated. Reduction of excessive I/I in a wastewater collection system is recommended by EPA and DNR.
- B. What alternatives have been considered?
- No Action.** The Village is required to consider this option as part of the facilities planning process. However, taking no action at this time may result in system failures, call outs, potential property damage due to system backups, other reportable violations, and eventually the Village would fail to comply with the Village's WPDES permit. This would lead to legal action by the Wisconsin Department of Justice.
  - Upgrade Lift Stations and Correct I/I Issues.** Rehabilitation of lift station pumps and controls will allow the lift stations to continue to function as intended, allowing the Village to operate their wastewater collection system in accordance with their WPDES permit. Making system manholes watertight with new castings and sealing technology will reduce I/I in the system, helping the Village to meet DNR and EPA recommendations.
- C. What are the proposed improvements?
- Lift Station 1.** Re-use existing concrete wet well. Install two new submersible pumps. Install new valves/valve vault and new flow meter. Replace existing control building with pre-fabricated concrete building to house new controls.
  - Lift Station 2.** Re-use existing concrete wet well and dry well. Install two new submersible pumps, replace existing control building with new pre-fabricated concrete building. Re-use existing emergency generator.
  - Lift Station 3.** Re-use existing concrete wet well. Install two new submersible pumps in wet well. Install new valves/valve vault. Replace existing control building with new prefabricated concrete building. Re-use existing portable generator for back-up power.

- d. **I/I Reduction.** Replace manhole castings to eliminate open pick holes. Utilize chimney seals and other sealing technology to reduce I/I in manholes. Potentially line sewer mains if suspect mains are found and budget allows.
- D. How will the project be funded?
  - a. The estimated cost of the project is \$840,000. The Village has received a \$410,000 Community Development Block Grant to assist in paying for the project. The Village intends to borrow money to pay for the remainder of the project. The Village is investing utilizing a State Trust Fund (Board of Commissioners of Public Lands) Loan along with a DNR Small Loan Program loan.
- E. What is the schedule for the proposed project?
  - a. Bids for the lift station portion of the project will be opened August 20, 2015 and fall construction is anticipated.

Theresa wanted all present to know that if there are any questions or comments, they may reach her at MSA Professional Services, Inc. located at 15 W. Marshall Street, Rice Lake, WI 54868. Her phone number is: (715) 234-1009.

**IV. MOTION TO ADJOURN** – Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 5:53 p.m. was made by Trustee, Widiker; seconded by Trustee, Casady. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Patrice Bjorklund*

Clerk-Treasurer

August 13, 2015

\*\*\*These minutes are subject to approval at next month's Regular Meeting.