

Cumberland, Wisconsin  
April 18, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Cumberland Municipal Utility Commission was called to order on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the Utility Conference Room located at 1265 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Cumberland, Wisconsin, by Commission President Louis E. Muench. The following commissioners were present: Louis E. Muench, Gerald Thon, Dennis Zappa, Craig Turcott and Tom Goldsmith. Also, in attendance was General Manager Dean Bergstrom.

Commissioners reviewed the meeting minutes from the March 21, 2022 meeting that had been provided in advance of the meeting. After discussion, a motion was made by Zappa and seconded by Thon to approve the set of minutes from March 21, 2022 as presented; motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed the special meeting minutes from March 31, 2022. After discussion, a motion was made by Goldsmith and seconded by Turcott to approve the special meeting minutes as presented; motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed the voucher listing for approval that had been provided in advance and discussed various entries with the General Manager. After discussion, a motion was made by Goldsmith and seconded by Thon, to approve payment of said vouchers numbered 12640 through 12743, with 10 automatic payment transactions, one cashier's check numbered 8419 and one wire transfer for a total dollar amount of \$426,705.83. Motion carried; vouchers approved.

The General Manager then reviewed the financial position of the Utility with the commissioners on paper materials that were provided in advance. In the Electric Department, sales were up for most of the categories and overall, the Electric Utility had a positive income compared to a negative income last year at this time. There were a number of parts for the generators that were purchased in March of 2022 compared to last year. All in all, the Electric Utility is in sound financial condition. In the Water Department, total sales were down slightly over 3% overall. The net income was about \$2,000.00 more in the negative compared to last year at this time. As usual, that happens this time of the year until Seneca starts running their next canning season. We had one less water main break in the month of March compared to last year when we had three water main breaks. We also had some payments to the PSC for well and water main construction authorizations that we did not have in 2021. The Sewer Department is down slightly, but overall income was up for the month compared to last year. There were debt payments made in March for a total dollar amount of slightly over \$30,000.00. The cash balances for the Utility are very strong and the DNR Reserve accounts will have the money transferred back to the City as they are looking to pay off the water tower and water main upgrades that were done in 2011 as well as closing out TID #7. The DNR accounts will be closed out and no longer part of the cash balance report. After some discussion, a motion was made by Thon and seconded by Turcott to approve the financial statements and reports as presented; motion carried.

Next, the offer to purchase Utility property on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue was reviewed and considered. After much discussion, a motion was made by Thon and seconded by Zappa to not sell the property. All commissioners voted yes; motion carried.

The General Manager reported that we had a small power outage on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 6 houses were out of power due to a bad transformer. The line crew was able to set a new transformer and power was promptly restored. Sewer lift station #3 went down. After investigation and a lot of hard work, it was discovered that a lot of wet wipes plugged the pumps. After everything was cleaned out and put back together, lift station #3 was back up and running. There was also a sewer overflow on the berm down the hill, east of the high school. An inflow infiltration device failed and blocked part of the sanitary sewer main. In addition, many flushable wipes were discovered that collected on the device and plugged the sewer line. After everything was cleared out, the sewer mains flowed back to normal. It was reported to the DNR and a notice will be published in the Advocate.

The General Manager met with the Plant Manager of Seneca. He informed the General Manager that there would be no changes to usage in the canning season that he can see at this time. Also, Seneca is looking to build a maintenance shed in the area south of the ball fields and St. Anthony Street.

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The General Manager talked with the new mayor, Dan Shoemaker, and asked that we sit down with the city to look at future road projects and Utility construction for the future and update the 5-year plan.

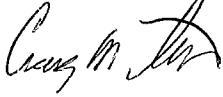
The Cumberland Utility will be celebrating 125 years this year. The General Manager asked the opinions of the commissioners about having an open house and a celebration—possibly this fall. They all thought it was a good idea. There will be more on this in the future and a date will be set. CMU will most likely have an appearance in the Cumberland Rutabaga Fest parade.

Lastly, Commission President, Louis E. Muench, presented a plaque and thanked Dennis Zappa for his 14 years of service to the Utility Commission as this was his last official meeting.

It was noted that the next commission meeting date will be Monday, May 16, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the Utility Conference Room.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Thon and seconded by Goldsmith. Motion carried; meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Craig M. Turcott, Secretary