

**CITY OF CEDARBURG  
PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWERAGE COMMISSION  
May 12, 2022**

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UNAPPROVED**

A regular meeting of the Public Works and Sewerage Commission of the City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held Thursday, May 12, 2022. This meeting was held at Cedarburg City Hall, W63N645 Washington Avenue, second floor Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Mayor Michael O'Keefe.

Roll Call: Present – Ryan Hammetter, Bill Oakes, Bob Dries, Sandy Beck,  
Mayor Michael O'Keefe

Excused- Andrew Hester, Council Member Rich Verhaalen, Gary  
Graham, Charles Schumacher

Also Present - Director of Engineering Michael Wieser, Cedarburg  
Water Recycling Center Superintendent Dennis  
Grulkowski, and interested residents

**STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE**

Secretary Kim Esselmann confirmed that proper legal notice of the meeting had been given.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Commissioner Oaks, seconded by Commissioner Hammetter, to approve the minutes of March 10, 2022. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Hester, Council Member Verhaalen, Commissioner Graham excused and Commissioner Schumacher absent.

**COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS**

No comments or suggestions were offered at this time.

**CONSIDER REQUEST FROM W66N791 MADISON AVE TO ALLOW THE SUMP PUMP FROM W66N805 MADISON AVE BE DISCHARGED INTO THE SANITARY SEWER YEAR-ROUND; AND ACTION THEREON**

Director Wieser stated that in a letter dated December 11, 2018, the homeowner at W66N805 Madison Avenue was allowed to discharge their sump pump into the sanitary sewer from December 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>, until such time that storm sewer is installed in Madison Avenue. The discharge of the sump pump for this address had created serious

winter icing problems, so it was decided to allow their sump pump to discharge into the sanitary sewer when freezing was a concern.

Mr. Pieter Droegkamp lives 3 houses south of W66N805 Madison Avenue and has complained of ponding water in the curb line in front of his driveway for long stretches of the year due to the frequent sump pump discharge. This ponding water is inconvenient for the resident, leads to mud being tracked up his driveway and provides a site for mosquito larvae to grow. There is no storm sewer in Madison Avenue and the curb and gutter does not flow well longitudinally, which allows the water to pond. These issues would be solved as part of the 2026 Street and Utility Project. In the meantime, Mr. Droegkamp is requesting the sump pump for W66N791 Madison Avenue be discharged into the sanitary sewer.

Neighborhood concerns were discussed about the ponding water and the street and utility project for 2026. It was also explained to the citizens present why this street project cannot be moved up to accommodate this request.

Motion made by Commissioner Oak, seconded by Commissioner Hammett, to allow W66N805 Madison Ave to discharge its sump pump twelve months a year into the storm sewer system until 2026 or when the Madison Avenue street and utility project is complete. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Hester, Council Member Verhaalen, Commissioner Graham excused and Commissioner Schumacher absent.

**DISCUSSION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2022-15 AND THE REPAIR OF THE HIGHLAND DRIVE BRIDGE PARAPET WALL; AND ACTION THEREON**

Director Wieser explained that on November 9, 2021, the Highland Drive Bridge parapet wall was struck and damaged by a vehicle. There has been much back and forth with the insurance company of the individual who struck the parapet wall. At this point the City intends to move forward with the repairs and believes the individual and their insurance company are responsible for the cost of the repairs.

The City received two quotes for the repair with the lowest quote coming from Structurewerks for \$38,500. According to State Statutes, all public construction with an estimated cost of which exceeds \$25,000, shall be let by contract to the lowest responsible bidder. There is an exception to bidding the project for the repair and reconstruction of public facilities when damage or threatened damage creates an emergency, as determined by resolution of the board of public works. Staff is looking for direction from the Commission whether to bid the repair project or declare an emergency and move forward with the lower of the two price quotes.

City Attorney Herbrand has looked at this and has agreed to this Resolution. We have also done our due diligence by getting two quotes.

Motion made by Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Oakes, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-15 acknowledging the Highland Road Bridge parapet wall as an

emergency with safety concerns and to forgo the bidding process and allow Structurewerks to repair the parapet wall for \$38,500. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Hester, Council Member Verhaalen, Commissioner Graham excused and Commissioner Schumacher absent

**PRESENTATION OF THE COMPLIANCE MAINTENANCE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE CEDARBURG WATER RECYCLING CENTER; AND ACTION THEREON**

Superintendent Grulkowski presented the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for the Water Recycling Center. This report is a DNR requirement. The City received a perfect score.

Motion made by Commissioner Dries, seconded by Mayor O'Keefe, to present the report to the Common Council as presented. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Hester, Council Member Verhaalen, Commissioner Graham excused and Commissioner Schumacher absent

**REPORTS**

**Update on Public Works Operations**

Director Wieser stated they have completed two brush curb side pickups the year. They have also been crack-filling in the Northeast area of the City, helping the Forestry Department plant trees, and digging for the new playground equipment at All Children's Playground.

FEMA is redoing flood maps and there will be changes in our flood plain maps. There is a zoom meeting about this. Commissioners asked to have this information e-mailed to them.

No Mow May was accepted by the Common Council, which means that lawns over eight inches will not be issued a citation for the month of May while the bees pollinate. Mayor O'Keefe explained that this is not for yards that are pristine and have no weeds, as bees do not pollinate grass. A question was raised during the Common Council meeting to not cut the parks next year and discussion was held, It would take twice as much time and effort to cut, rake, and remove the grass from our park system.

**Update on Water Recycling Plant Operations and Discussion of Monthly Reports**

Superintendent Grulkowski stated the new UV system is installed and running.

Field work at the Pioneer Road property has started. This is to fix the erosion issue and soybeans will be planted in an East to West pattern instead of North to South. This will also be a no till planting.

**Identify Future Agenda Items**

None were identified.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Commissioner Oakes, seconded by Commissioner Hammetter, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Hester, Council Member Verhaalen, Commissioner Graham excused and Commissioner Schumacher absent

Kim Esselmann  
Building Inspection/Public Works Secretary