

City of Hadley
Council Minutes
13 March, 2017

Present: Rick Like, Bonnie Petersen, Nick Pieske, Henry Veldhuisen, Dale Pavlis, Judy LaBoda

Welcome Guests: Tom Ackerman, Bob Wornson, Duane Spartz; Darwin Johnson

Meeting called to order by Mayor Like at 6:05

The holding tank flushing has proven to be positive. Darwin Johnson has been testing it for chlorine and it looks very clear. There seems to have been excessive chlorine in the water. Monitoring the chlorine is a major part of the "dirty" water. Duane said the valve issue was part of the problem. Two of the valves are not working. The gate valves do not work correctly and should be replaced with butterfly valves. Even if the valves are replaced, they need to be turned periodically. 8 valves need to be replaced- do one, you may as well do them all. Darwin will be monitoring the holding tank to know when it should be flushed.

Darwin Johnson has presented a proposal to continue to monitor the water system as a licensed Water/Wastewater Supervisor. The suggestion has been made to compensate Darwin at \$275 per month + mileage; he will continue to monitor the system. He will weekly check chlorine levels and fluoride levels. There will be monthly reporting to the mayor and water commission; yearly flushing of hydrants and sanitary sewers spring and fall. This proposal would be retroactive to 1 January, 2017. When Bob Wornson is not available to read the water/sewer meters David Voss has been helping him. We need to ask David Voss if he would be willing to be a paid city employee. Rick will be discussing with David Voss about taking on that responsibility.

M/S/P by Dale and Nick to accept Darwin Johnson's proposal.

M/S/P by Henry and Bonnie to replace the valve replacement as proposed by Duane Spartz.

Tom Ackerman: Insurance increase of \$824 from last year; and that will include all open property in the City. Also there is a line specifically to include the dock of \$55 for \$5000 coverage. The application is no longer done by hand, and is computer generated, thus a couple of items were eliminated in last years policy. That has been corrected now. The premium for 2017 is \$16,159.00.

Guest: Deb and Randy Lee – Mentioned the mouse house and the deterioration of the building. There is a dumpster in the community that has not been dumped and the debris is blowing around.

Review of the minutes: minutes approved.

Review of the liquor fund: Liquor fund approved.

Review of the general fund: approved

Review of the water/sewer fund: approved

Old Business:

- We will not replace any signs or poles at this time.
- Someone needs to sign up for the Board of Appeals and Equalization training by July.

- The alley behind the liquor store- Jim Surprenant proposed to remove the culverts and reshape the alley and the intake would line up for the proper flow of water. M/S/P by Rick and Nick for Dale to continue to pursue the conversation with Jim Surprenant to get this repair complete. Dale also visited with the county regarding the cost of the culvert. Dale will get a quote from Jim Surprenant for this repair.
- Dock - This will be tabled until April.
- The culverts around the lake: The splash has separated from the spillway. Dale is not getting any cooperation from the County ditch inspector; the ditch inspector has not spoken to DNR. It was suggested to invite Lori Gunnick, County Commissioner, to a meeting and ask that this issue be addressed to the County and the DNR. Dale will also invite Randy Groves to this meeting and discuss a possibility of assisting to work on a Grant for street repair.

New business:

- Contract for Darwin Johnson – see above
- David Voss- Rick will visit with him.
- Valve replacement- see above
- Water tank flushing – see above
- What is the policy on cars sitting around that are unlicensed and how do you enforce that? Judy will send out a letter again with the next water billing cycle regarding the piling up of the branches.
- Judy will visit with Merlyn regarding the cost per property for water/sewer properties.
- Quick Books – M/S/P by Bonnie and Henry for Judy to upgrade the QuickBooks Pro 2017.

M/S/P by Henry and Nick to pay the bills.

M/S/P to Adjourn by Dale and Bonnie.

Respectfully submitted by Judy LaBoda