

**CITY OF CEDARBURG
PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWERAGE COMMISSION
January 14, 2021**

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UNAPPROVED**

A meeting of the Public Works and Sewerage Commission of the City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held Thursday January 14, 2021. This meeting was held online utilizing the zoom app. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council Member Kristin Burkart.

Roll Call:	Present –	Ryan Hammetter, Charles Schumacher, Council Member Kristin Burkart, Judy Guse, Sandra Beck, Bob Dries
	Absent-	Gary Graham
	Excused -	Bill Oakes, Mayor Michael O’Keefe
	Also Present -	Director of Engineering Michael Weiser, Cedarburg Water Recycling Center Lead Operator Dennis Grulkowski, Cedarburg Water Recycling Center Superintendent Eric Hackert, Public Works Superintendent Joel Bublitz, News Graphic Reporter Christine Luick, Resident Steve Cain, Resident Heather Cain

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Council Member Kristin Burkart confirmed that proper legal notice of the meeting had been given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Schumacher, seconded by Commissioner Guse, to approve the minutes of November 12, 2020. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Graham absent and Commissioner Oakes and Mayor O’Keefe excused.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

No comments or suggestions were offered at this time.

CONSIDER PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM SYMBIONT FOR FINAL COMPLIANCE ALTERNATIVES PLAN FOR TOTAL PHOSPHORUS FOR THE WATER RECYCLING CENTER; AND ACTION THEREON

Staff requested a proposal from Symbiont for a final compliance alternatives plan for total phosphorus for the Water Recycling Center as required by the current WDNR permit. This proposal will help the Commission reach a future decision on which compliance alternative is best for the City and provide support on the WPDES permit renewal application.

Jon Butt from Symbiont discussed the phosphorus planning update that was presented to the Commissioners. Symbiont will complete the scope of work on a time and materials basis not to exceed \$34,900 and keep the City apprised of the project status and budget.

Motion made by Commissioner Dries, seconded by Commissioner Hammett to recommend the Symbiont proposal not to exceed \$34,900 to the Common Council. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Graham absent and Commissioner Oakes and Mayor O'Keefe excused.

DISCUSS UPDATES MADE TO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE TO REFLECT NEW CONTRACT WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION; AND ACTION THEREON

With the new contract through Waste Management, the basic level of service for refuse collection changes from six (6), thirty-two (32) gallon garbage containers to one (1), ninety-six (96) gallon refuse cart provided by Waste Management. Also, the base level of service had previously been per building and now it is per eligible tax key number.

Motion made by Commissioner Schumacher, seconded by Commissioner Guse, to recommend the proposed changes to SEC. 8-3-1 through 13 to the Common Council. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Graham absent and Commissioner Oakes and Mayor O'Keefe excused

DISCUSS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS; AND ACTION THEREON

Waste Management is refusing to pick up Christmas trees, since it is not specifically included in the new contract. The old contract did not specifically list Christmas tree pick up either, but it was done by Waste Management every January. Staff pushed back on Waste Management and they have since agreed to provide roll-off dumpsters at no cost for disposal of trees and wreaths.

It has been decided that the Christmas tree pickup be performed by the Public Works Department. Trees that are sprayed will need to be landfilled, while trees that are not

sprayed will be put directly into the woodchipper and then discarded at the Pleasant Valley site. This operation is planned for the week of January 11 and January 25.

Public Works Superintendent Bublitz updated the Commissioners that the first round of Christmas tree pickup was done this week only producing a compacted garbage truck full, which was dumped at the Pleasant Valley site for chipping and about 65 wreaths/garland which will be put into the recycling dumpster for pick up.

No action needed by the Commission.

DISCUSS SPEEDING COMPLAINTS ON WESTERN ROAD; AND ACTION THEREON

At the last Public Works and Sewerage Commission meeting it was requested that the complaints of speeding on Western Road be added to a future agenda.

The Police Department completed a speed study on Western Road near Evergreen Boulevard, the average speed was 29.3 mph and the 85th percentile speed was 32.5 mph. These number show pretty good compliance. However, there were a rather high number (45) of vehicles traveling at 40 mph or higher.

Chief Frank feels that the data from the speed study does not seem to line up with what officers are seeing when they patrol the area. He is skeptical whether the Armadillo device that was used for the speed study may be picking up some ghost readings. The Chief's opinion is to continue to heavily enforce the area.

The use of radar feedback speed signs has been mentioned. The cost for two radar signs is about \$8,000. If use of the radar feedback signs is decided upon, staff would recommend a policy be written to lay out the characteristics of the locations where use of these signs would be warranted.

Resident Heather Cain stated that there are two issues here. One is the speed on Western Road and the other is the presence of overweight delivery trucks using Western Road as a thoroughfare. She states that the children crossing Western Road with heavy and speeding traffic is dangerous. She also states she would like to see more speed signage on both the west bound and east bound traffic lanes.

Resident Steve Cain believes that the Armadillo changed the driver's behavior. Commissioner Schumacher, who also lives on Western Road, advised that the trucks do hit some sort of a dip in the intersection of Evergreen Blvd and Western Road which causes a "bang" when they hit it. Secretary Esselmann also stated that when the vehicles are coming off the roundabout, they are going fast.

Commissioners discussed that they should come up with some parameters for placing speed limits and weight restrictions on primary roads and ask the Police Department to continue their increased enforcement.

Motion made by Council Member Burkart, seconded by Commissioner Beck to revisit the ordinance at the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously with Commission Graham absent and Commissioner Oakes and Mayor O'Keefe excused.

REPORTS

Update on Public Works Operations

Public Works Superintendent Bublitz explained that the public works crews are working continuously on tree work, ice rink and Christmas tree pick up. They are also working with Light and Water along with Parks and Forestry taking down the wreaths, pole lights, opening catch basins along with tree trimming and pruning.

Council Member Kristin Burkart thanked the DPW crew for their plowing efforts and Commissioner Hammetter thanked the crews for all they do for public works, festivals etc.

Update on Water Recycling Plant Operations and Discussion of Monthly Reports

Cedarburg Water Recycling Center Superintendent Eric Hackert discussed operations at the plant and plant performance. Major leak repairs were done on Park Circle and they are working easement lines for repairs. Due to COVID-19, in person trainings have not been done but they are doing online trainings.

Identify Future Agenda Items

Revisit the ordinance for speed limits and truck traffic

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Guse, seconded by Commissioner Schumacher, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Graham absent and Commissioner Oakes and Mayor O'Keefe excused.

Kim Esselmann
Building Inspection/Public Works Secretary