

**Lanesboro Public Utilities
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 15, 2021 10:00 a.m.
Lanesboro Community Center Meeting Room and Zoom**

Present: Jon Pieper and Elliot Riggott

Absent: Done Bell

Staff Present: Jeff Norby and Darla Taylor

Visitors: Council Member [Mindy Albrecht-Benson](#), [Jake Pichelmann](#), and Jeff Rein

Regular Meeting:

Commissioner Pieper called the regular meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

- A. Agenda:** Member Pieper motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Member Riggott seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- B. Consent Agenda:** Member Pieper motioned to approve the Consent agenda as presented. Member Riggott seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll call with all in favor. Motion carried.
 - Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 20, 2021
 - Accounts Payable
- C. Wastewater Treatment Facility Update:** [Jake Pichelmann](#) of Bolton & Menk provided an update on the Treatment Facility project. The concrete work for the biosolids tank is complete. Excavation on the west side of the project area has started. The project is approximately 16% complete at this point.
- D. Staff Update:** Administrator Peterson shared the following information from Supervisor Wagner:
 - The South water tower is being cleaned, inspected, and the coating is being repaired. Work is scheduled to be completed by the end of the week.
 - EMMEG met in St Charles, during the meeting they discussed that municipalities may be called on more frequently in order to meet demand needs.
 - Work continues for determining future infrastructure needs with regards to potential upcoming street projects.
 - Additional discussion was had regarding sending out notifications about subscribing to the City Website, water hydrants are running due to the Water Tower project, as well as a question regarding radio interference.
 - Member Pieper requested that storm sewers be checked after the Water Tower project is completed in order to determine if there are any troubled areas.
- E. City Council Update:** City Council will be considering a street project for 2022 in the upcoming months. The final invoice for the Dam project is scheduled for review at the July meeting, which would close out that project.

Regular Business

- A. Rate Study, Gary Price:** Mr. Price noted that he would be requesting updated data in order to complete the study, as well that the goal would be to ensure stability of the department in light of increased solar energy usage. Price stated that he felt a report could be ready for the July meeting.

- B. MiEnergy - EV Charging Station:** Member Riggott motioned to approve accepting the EV Charging Station pending verification from Supervisor Wagner of needed infrastructure. Member Pieper seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor.
- C. 2020 Audit Review:** Member Pieper motioned to accept the 2020 Audit. Member Riggott seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- D. 2021 CIP Contract - SEMCAC:** Member Riggott motioned to approve the 2021 agreement. Member Pieper seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- E. Dupont Street Water Connection:** Member Pieper motioned to approve repairs to the existing water main and service lines on Dupont Street. Member Riggott seconded the motion. Work will be coordinated with the affected property owners. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- F. Continued Business:**
 - a. 2021 2022 Rebate Form:** Discussion will be continued.
- G. Miscellaneous:**
 - a. Members requested that Electric Rates, 2022 Capital, and a discussion for Solar be added to the July agenda.
 - b. Members reviewed the newly updated rates from MiEnergy.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourn Regular Meeting: Motion was made by Commissioner Pieper to adjourn the regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission at 10:36 a.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Riggott. Motion carried all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Administrator/Clerk