

MINUTES

WATER & SEWER

THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 12, 2026 – 8:30 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Members present: Acting Chair Daniel Seymour, Fred Meintz, Robert Warren, and Gary Motkowski.

Members excused: Thomas Gryzwa.

Others Attending: Mayor Katie Berman, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Kathy Kennedy, and Public Works Director Matt Decur.

Acting Chair Daniel Seymour called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Motion by Seymour and seconded by Warren to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4/0.

Minutes:

Motion by Warren and seconded by Motkowski to approve the minutes of January 13, 2026. Motion carried 3/0. Meintz abstained.

Water & Sewer disbursements:

The disbursements for Water & Sewer were reviewed.

Communications:

Report from Ruekert & Mielke:

Public Works Director Matt Decur has been working with Reukert & Mielke, Inc. on the Clarifier Replacement Project. The Sewer Utility Cash Flow Analysis prepared by Ehlers Financial Advisors was presented.

An alternative plan was presented with Exhibit 2 for Pine Street reconstruction as a smaller, lower cost project. However, based on the condition of the clarifier and operational necessity, it is recommended to move forward with the clarifier project this year. Discussion was held on a plan of increasing sewer rates, applying for a loan, and working on bids for the project.

A Sewer Rate Schedule with a proposed increase of 13% was presented to be instituted in the 2nd Quarter of 2026, effective 4/1/26. Future increases for water and sewer were also discussed to continue to cover operational cost deficits and projects. It is recommended to pursue a Clean Water Fund low interest loan for the Clarifier Replacement Project.

Motion by Warren and seconded by Motkowski to recommend council approve an increase of 13% to the sewer rates instituted in the 2nd Quarter of 2026, effective 4/1/26 to cover operational cost deficits and projects. Motion carried 4/0.

Motion by Seymour and seconded by Warren to recommend council approve the application of a \$2,500,000.00 Clean Water Fund low interest loan in preparation for the Clarifier Replacement Project. Motion carried 4/0.

Utility Report by Public Works:Water Utility

- Thawed three frozen service lines and replaced three frozen water meters.
- Posted 40 Quarterly service disconnections and disconnected five services.
- Service Line Inventory and Lead/Copper sampling updates are being done as required by the DNR to identify lead lines.

Wastewater Treatment Plant & Sewer Utility

- Clarifier froze over January 23 – 29.
- Main Lift Station maintenance & repairs were done including VFD and driveshaft on pump C.
- Advanced Operator Certification Application for Vorpahl submitted 10/16/2025. Following up with DNR to make sure it's being processed.

Planning and Projects

- Public Works Director Matt Decur shared there is an ongoing planning study for the River Crossing property. Mayor Berman has been working with a development group who hired Cedar Corporation to put together concepts for the property. The site plan concepts for the City of Peshtigo – Crossing Point Workforce Housing Concept were presented and will be going to council at the next meeting for review and approval.

Other matters:

Mayor Berman thanked the committee members for their service.

Set future meeting(s):

The next Water & Sewer meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

Motion by Warren and seconded by Motkowski to adjourn at 9:25 a.m. Motion carried 4/0.

Kathy Kennedy
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer