Village of Whiting Utilities Committee Meeting

November 3, 2026

Place of Meeting: Whiting Firehouse Breakroom

1. **Roll Call** – Meeting called to order by Chairman Lutz at 5:00 PM. Committee members Kevin Lutz, Mike Daniels, Karen Curtis, Jeanna Trzebiatowski and Mark Zalewski were present. Superintendent of Utilities and Public Works, Jake Wilcox, and Village Resident: Sara Brilowski, was also present.

2. **People wishing to address the committee. -** As Needed.

3. **Approval of October meeting minutes. –** Motion made by Curtis to approve minutes for October as presented. Second, by Zalewski. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. **Discussion/possible action re. Resin Loss at the Water Treatment Facility.** Starting in September it was brought to the staff's attention that resin had been detected in residents' filters. It was determined that all tanks are leaking resin. It is noted that Hungerford has been very helpful in identifying solutions to this issue. The plant was taken offline and water is being purchased from Plover until it is safe for the Village of Whiting residents. DNR is very happy to know that we are taking control of the situation. Two different bids were presented. However, they are not apples to apples. The staff has been working very hard to find a resolution of this issue. In order to find, the best solution a motion made by Trzebiatowski to postpone the discussion to get better information. Second, by Daniels. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

5. **Discussion/possible action re. 2027 Water Utility Budget.** Discussion was held regarding the water utility budget. Motion made by Daniels to approve water utility budget as modified to reflect the year to 2027. Second, by Curtis. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

6. **Discussion/possible action re. 2027 Sewer Utility Budget.** Discussion was held regarding motion made by Daniels to approve sewer utility budget as presented. Second, by Zalewski. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

7. **Discussion/possible action re. PFAS settlements with Carrier, Amerex, Archroma and Nation Ford.** - Discussion was held regarding proposed PFAS settlement offer. If we stay in the suit, we lose rights to any future litigation. We must opt out to retain our rights to further litigation. It appears that the proposed settlement is less than a couple of thousand dollars per well, far less than the proposal from several years ago. In order to keep options open for the Village, a motion made by Curtis to opt out of this offer and pass this onto the village board for consideration. Second, by Daniels. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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8. **Discussion and possible action re. Multiple vouchers.** - Motion made by Curtis to approve multiple vouchers for October as presented. Second, by Trzebiatowski. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

9. **Operations and Maintenance report.** Supt. Wilcox submitted the following report:
   - The water and wastewater treatment plant did meet all requirements for September. A complete set of results for October is not available yet.
   - Village of Whiting Pumpage:
     - Treated – 3,192,000
     - Total - 4,707,000
   - Neenah Paper Pumpage:
     - #5 – 15,391,232
     - #6 – 38,121,000
     - Total – 53,512,232
   - The water treatment facility is experiencing resin loss from all five treatment vessels while in service. The facility has been taken out of service until short-term and long-term solutions to this issue are found.
   - Annual hydrant flushing was completed.
   - The sludge pumping and piping system at the WWTP was flushed several times as a result of clogs and restrictions from falling leaves entering the digesters.
   - Annual sludge and PFAS testing was completed. Initial sludge PFAS results exceeded the 20 µg/kg threshold, requiring follow-up testing. Follow-up results were below that threshold. Additional monitoring will be required.
   - Wastewater laboratory services were switched from AgSource to Badger Labs.
   - Additional wastewater sampling/testing has started as required to renew the discharge permit for the wastewater treatment facility.
   - One-time raw water ammonia testing was completed for Well 2 and quarterly nitrate testing is nearly completed.
   - I have been working with our IT service provider to obtain a new internet service at the water treatment facility. Verizon Business was selected based on service availability and cost and will save over $100 per month.
   - We are preparing to complete our annual sludge land application program which will occur this month.

   Motion made by Daniels to approve report as presented. Second by Curtis. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10. **Correspondence.** None.

11. **Such other matters as permitted by law** None.

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12. **Adjourn**. Daniels made a motion to adjourn. Second by Trzebiatowski. Motion carried by voice vote to adjourn at 5:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Mike Daniels
Recording Secretary

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