

MINUTES

City of Norwich, Water Commission

November 13, 2024

Present; Comm. G. Baas, Comm. D. Wilson, Comm. J. Kolb, Comm. S. Dietrich, Chairwoman J. Kelly, Comm. S. Simmons

Also Present; E. Pepe

Absent; Comm. A. Locke

The meeting was opened at 6:30 pm.

A motion to approve minutes of October 11, 2024 was made by Comm. D. Wilson and seconded by Comm. J. Kolb, all Ayes approve as written.

Visitors;

Mayor – The Mayor said that the Common Council should be making final decisions on all lake shore improvements instead of the Water Commission. He said the Water Commission should just make recommendations but all decisions should be made by Council. He requested that a moratorium be placed on any new construction at Chenango Lake until the shoreline policy is revised. Comm. D. Wilson made a motion to put a moratorium on all new construction on City property at the Lake. This does not include projects that cover replacements of existing structures. Comm. S. Simmons seconded, all ayes approve.

He stated that the City was considering adding signage at the Lake about using the property at your own risk to try and limit liability of others use on City property.

Correspondence;

1. Trees at Chenango Lake – Supt. Pepe stated the City was spending at least \$14,000 removing trees at the Lake this year.
2. Supt. Pepe received an email from City clerk stating that Comm. D. Wilson and Comm. S. Simmons terms were up at the end of the year. Both said they would like to continue.
3. Mike Mirabito – Mr. Mirabito left a voicemail about possibly replacing his retaining wall and requesting the City to look at some trees.

Old Business;

1. WWTP Upgrades – We have started design of the Upgrades project. The 12 month Nitrogen rolling average is starting to come down.

2. Water Meter replacements – Supt. Pepe stated that there are about 45 meters left to install, and we possibly need to add a repeater at CIT. He also stated the Customer Portal was going to be rolled out soon.
3. New Filter Plant SPDES Permit – No updates
4. I&I project – The design is complete and ready to go out to bid. Project completion will be by the end of May.
5. NYSDEC Dam Engineering Report – No updates
6. Oversized shed - Comm. J. Kolb made a motion to refer to the issue with the oversized shed to Common Council, seconded by Comm. G. Baas, all ayes approve.
7. Lead Service Line Inventory – Notification letters for water services that are either unknown, lead, or galvanized requiring replacement are being mailed out by Nov. 15th.

New Business;

Adjournment; Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. Next meeting is December 11th, 2024 at 6:30 pm to be held at the WWTP.