



## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOLDEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

February 4, 2025

Members Present:

Mr. Al West	Chairman
Ms. Kim Holger	Secretary
Mr. Doug Hayworth	Member
Mr. Rob Hough	Member
Mr. Allen Mensch	Council Liaison

Guests Present:

Mr. Tony Lerda	Superintendent
Ms. Christie Reed	Financial Coordinator
Ms. Kim Morrow	Billing Specialist
Mr. Butch Beeman	Trout Beeman & Co

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM.

**2023-2024 Audit Presentation by Trout, Beeman & Co**

Mr. Beeman began his presentation by thanking everyone present for the continued business relationship. He is required by law to report if the Holden BPW, or any of its representatives are opinion shopping. Mr. Beeman stated that there is no indication of this. His next topic he wanted to address was the cooperation he received from the BPW and from O & M in conducting and preparing the audit. There were no difficulties, and the teamwork was valuable. There were no deficiencies to be concerned about. Mr. Beeman said that the BPW looks financially stable, and the balance sheet looks comparable to last year. The long-term debt was decreased by \$81,000. All monies that are in accounts in the bank, and all securities, are FDIC insured and fully collateralized. Mr. Beeman concluded his presentation by stating again that the BPW is financially stable.

**Motion** by Mr. Hayworth to approve the minutes, Mr. Hough seconded the motion, Mr. West called for a vote. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

**Motion** by Mr. Hayworth to approve the financial statement to pay the invoices, Ms. Holger seconded the motion, Mr. West called for a vote. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**WATER SYSTEM –**

**GENERAL ACTIVITIES**

Mr. Lerda mentioned a water main break along 131 Hwy (North Lexington) with a baseball sized hole. It has been repaired. There is also a very small leak along that street, too small to find. Also, there was another break along South Vine Street near 7<sup>th</sup>. Both of these areas should have several feet of pipe replaced. There have been several leaks in both areas in recent years.

Mr. West asked how long water pipes should last. Mr. Lerda replied Missouri assumes that the "life" of water pipe is estimated at 70 years. But we have pipes in the ground over 100 years, and better ductile iron that we use today should last longer.

**SEWER SYSTEM –**

**GENERAL ACTIVITIES**

Mr. Lerda informed the Board that there was some general maintenance done on the SAGR system and some routine jetting performed, but otherwise there were no sewer issues.

**NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Mr. Lerda told the Board that there are 3 companies that he has asked to submit preliminary proposals. Two of the companies have been onsite. When these companies visit with their proposals, Mr. Lerda has asked the Board to have at least one member accompany him for the conversations. Mr. Lerda reiterated that he wants the Board to understand and have a chance to address any questions or concerns so that the choice is to be sure to work for everyone involved.

Mr. West stated that he had put the YouTube video for how to use “Eye On Water” on his Facebook page.

With no further comments offered, a motion was made to adjourn.

**MOTION** by Mr. Hayworth to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Holger, Mr. West called for a vote. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Meeting adjournment at 6:38 P.M.

Signed Kimberly Holger  
Secretary

Date 03-04-25