

FIRST QUARTER WATER COMMISSION
APRIL 5, 2022

The first quarter Water Commission Meeting was called to order by Commission Chairman John Neumeier. Commission members in attendance included: Cathy Vander Zanden, Jim Ponto, Tim Stutzman, Justin Krueger, and Mike Rietveld. Brad Schinke was absent.

Also present were Village Administrator Racquel Shampo-Giese and Public Works Director Ryan Swick.

The first item on the agenda was to review and consider approval of the minutes from the fourth quarter meeting. C. Vander Zanden made a motion to approve the minutes. J. Krueger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the Public Works Director's report of the utility operations for 2022 to date. He reported 16 water breaks to date and noted that the average is 18-20 per season. Past year counts: 2021 – 11, 2020 – 17, 2019 – 20, 2018 – 18, and 2017 – 10. The Director reminded the Board of the contract with MCO to operate valves, perform uni-directional flushing when the Lincoln Street Well is down, perform flow tests on hydrants, and test large meters. Cross-connection inspections will continue now with COVID somewhat at bay. Hydrants will be flushed the week of April 19th and again in the fall. The Director also reported that all routine monitoring requirements for safe drinking water were performed in 2021, and the monitoring continues for 2022. There have not been any water quality complaints so far in 2022. The Director also reported that the cross connection survey report for the DNR has been completed. The Director reported that the Buchanan Road and Janssen Street water main replacement projects started a couple of weeks ago. There have been 24 water breaks on Buchanan Road over the last 10 years.

The next item on the agenda was to review the water loss and sanitary sewer inflow and infiltration data. The Administrator reported a preliminary estimate of a 8.92% water loss for 2021, and the sanitary sewer inflow and infiltration data shows a 47.43% preliminary estimated loss for 2021. It was noted that higher rain events and more melting snow definitely affect this data. It was also noted that the manhole rehab project will help us to realize some improvement with the inflow and infiltration issues.

T. Stutzman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. M. Rietveld seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.