

**MINUTES OF THE ALGOMA UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING OF
July 15, 2009**

Vice-President Robert Hafeman called the meeting of the Algoma Utility Commission to order on July 15th, 2009, at 5:00 P.M. in compliance with the open meeting law.

Members present: Robert Hafeman, Sylven Konkol, Russ Ritchie and Bruce Charles.
Also present: Steve McFarlane of Local Union 310, Gary Paape, Richard Riederer and Nancy Johnson.

Member absent: Guy Haasch.

Charles motioned, seconded by Ritchie to adopt the agenda set for the July 15th, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

Ritchie motioned, seconded by Konkol to approve the minutes of the June 17th and July 8th 2009 meetings. Motion carried.

Comments of Anyone Present:

None

New Business:

None

Old Business:

- a.) Written requests for the 2009 WPPI Energy Community Contribution Funds (CCF) and Economic Development Funds were reviewed. Konkol motioned, seconded by Ritchie to allocate the CCF as follows:
 - \$250 to each of the following: Algoma Baseball Club for Perry Field baseball field improvements, Algoma Medical Center & Long Term Care Unit for resident raised garden beds, The American Legion for building improvements, St. Mary Catholic School for Nature at Our Door Art Exploration at Clay on Steele and \$500 to the Annual Halloween Walk. Roll call vote: all yes. Motion carried.
 - Economic Development Fund allocation was tabled.
- b.) Konkol motioned, seconded by Ritchie to issue a denial letter for the liability insurance claim, at 1421 Lake Street, as advised by the insurance company. Roll call vote: all yes. Motion carried.
- c.) The Perry, Birch and Cedar Corners water main project was discussed. Final payment due to Tenor Pipeline is still in dispute.
- d.) The Sixth and Ohio Street water main project is complete.
 - The DNR has granted the Utility an easement to install water main under a section of the Ahnapee State Trail for a loop by the Algoma Lumber Company.
 - The Algoma Lumber Company easement was discussed. Konkol motioned, seconded by Ritchie to spend up to \$500 for legal review of the easement. Roll call vote: all yes. Motion carried.
- e.) Planning Commission, no new Utility projects.
- f.) The Public Service Commission is reviewing the filed water rate increase application.

- g.) The City and Utility are participating in the WPPI Energy Utility and Municipal Building Energy Efficiency Incentives program.
- Contractor still working on internet connection for the Utility's solar PV awning system so internet users can view the energy production statistics.
 - Office of Energy Independence will be accepting applications for energy efficiency projects. Projects that may qualify for stimulus funding are specific municipal building energy conservation retrofits and updating to energy efficient LED lighting.

Charles motioned, seconded by Ritchie to approve payment of bills and payroll as presented. Roll call vote: all yes. Motion carried.

Konkel motioned, seconded by Ritchie to approve the **June** financial reports. Roll call vote: all yes. Motion carried.

Manager's Report:

Riederer reviewed the attached report.

Office Manager's Report:

Johnson reviewed the attached report.

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At **5:50** P.M. Ritchie motioned, seconded by Konkel to go into closed session as provided by State Statute 19.85 (1) (c). Roll call vote: all yes. Motion carried.

At **6:35** P.M. Konkel motioned, seconded by Ritchie to resume to open session as provided by State Statute 19.85 (2). Roll call vote: all yes. Motion carried.

No action taken.

A special closed session meeting, for the Union Contract, will be held Wednesday, July 22nd at 5:00 P.M.

The next regular Commission meeting will be held Wednesday, August 19th at 5:00 P.M.

Charles motioned, seconded by Ritchie to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at **6:40** P.M.

President

Director

Secretary