

VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN  
**UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
May 21, 2015  
Village Hall Board Room

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Chmn. Warren called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

**II. ROLL CALL:** Chmn. Warren, Members Hansen, Rehklau, Goetter, Alternate Member Reichert. Member Campbell is absent.

**III. CITIZEN INPUT/PUBLIC APPEARANCE:**  
No citizens elected to provide comment

**IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** September 29, 2014  
**MOTION by Rehklau, seconded by Hansen to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2014 meeting.**

**MOTION** carried unanimously.

**MOTION** by Warren, seconded by Rehklau to move agenda item VIII to the front of the agenda.

**MOTION** carried unanimously.

**VIII. Sampling of Private Property Infiltration/Inflow (PPI/I) Programs throughout the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District Member Municipalities, Including Investigation Work Completed in Germantown**

Utility Superintendent Zimmerman provided the recent history of the discussion regarding the potential PPI/I program and proposed ordinance replacement. It was ultimately decided to not proceed with a PPI/I program or ordinance replacement. The Village Board has recently sent this issue back to the Utility Advisory Committee for a recommendation.

Chair Warren noted that 3 areas of the Village have been identified with significant deterioration. Superintendent Zimmerman concurred.

According to Superintendent Zimmerman, the updated ordinance (before strikeout) was intended to provide a vehicle for repair at the point of sale.

Art Zabel provided a matrix of what municipalities within MMSD are doing. There are varying methods and percentages of cost sharing.

Superintendent Zimmerman, the Village is not considered to have broken sewer-sheds. The end of pipe peak wet flow is lower than what is measured at the lift stations.

Village Engineer Bischke stated that the MMSD funds are only available for work on private laterals, and discussed review with other municipalities. \$800,000 is available for use by 2020.

According to Superintendent Zimmerman, the Village does the work, and then can be reimbursed. The homeowner can also be required to do the work, get reimbursed by the Village, who gets reimbursed by MMSD.

Village Engineer Bischke stated that Wauwatosa has had success with their program, with a variety of project approaches.

1. Disconnect foundation drains
2. Cured in place lateral lining
3. Lateral grouting

They have used flow monitoring to verify best practices.

Chair Warren suggested that the discussion stick to the general agenda items, leaving detail of methods out.

#### **V. Ordinance Repealing and Recreating Subsection 12.29(8) of the Germantown Code of Ordinances Relating to the Regulation of Private Sanitary Sewer Laterals**

Village Engineer Bischke discussed history of ordinance and replacement of ordinance. Intent of revised ordinance is to confine the different ordinance issues into one section. The Village Attorney stated that the Village has current authority to require private lateral repairs. But the Village Attorney should review related to application to the optional program.

Chair Warren stated opposition to updated ordinance.

Village Engineer Bischke stated that a warrant is required to access the private property. New ordinance allows Public Works to repair private laterals without needing a warrant.

Member Rehklaue questioned whether homeowners may be concerned with allowing Village staff to review and inspect private facilities.

Superintendent Zimmerman identified the 3 problem area, of approximately 300 homes

1. County line road to the south,
2. School road to the north
3. Gettysburg Drive

Member Rehklaue inquired what the cost would be to repair laterals in the poor area. Superintendent Zimmerman stated that it would be approximately \$8,000 - \$10,000 for a lateral lining repair. MMSD allows the program to go forward and line additional laterals in that area.

Specific investigation has been done, so now the decision can be made regarding repair. Laterals have been located by GPS to aid in finding in the future.

**MOTION** by Warren, seconded by Rehklaue to recommend to Public Works and Highway Committee that they not approve recreating ordinance Subsection 12.29(8)

4 in favor (Chair Warren, Members Hansen, Rehklaue, Reichert). Member Goetter abstained.

**MOTION** carried 4-0, 1 abstention.

#### **VI. Education and Outreach for a Private Property Infiltration/Inflow Project Plan**

Village Engineer Bischke described that the Village has a location on the Village website for education and outreach regarding private property infiltration and inflow. For some projects Village staff goes door-to-door to educate regarding specific projects.

**MOTION** by Hansen, seconded by Reichert that staff provide a recommended method to educate the public regarding a potential PPI/I program implemented by the Village.

**MOTION** carried unanimously

Additional public comment by Holly Bastings was that public outreach door-to-door may not be the best use of staff time.

Art Zabel and Village Engineer Bischke noted that staff time for outreach is reimbursable by MMSD.

Village Engineer Bischke stated that staff does not campaign door-to-door for a project or issue, but educates homeowners regarding direct project/construction information.

### **VII. Cost-Sharing Proportions for a Private Property Infiltration/Inflow Project Plan**

Village Engineer Bischke described past discussion regarding the pros and cons of the different cost sharing proportions. Concern is that residents that have paid fees to MMSD won't be able to realize benefits if the Village uses the funds at a faster pace, i.e. 100% paid by the Village.

Chair Warren stated concern that residents won't volunteer to do the work at a cost sharing distribution, knowing that it would cost thousands of dollars.

Member Hansen suggested option to implement a multi-phased approach where the homes with the worse laterals are focused on first with a voluntary program, then the next level of deficient laterals, and so on.

Village Engineer Bischke stated the MMSD could decide at any time whether to continue to fund the program. It's estimated that MMSD will continue to fund the program.

At this point any inspection would not be linked to a property transfer.

Member Rehkla suggested that a program be created focusing on the most risk, with a small proportional share of private payment.

Additional public comment by Holly Bastings was the money should go to the problem homes.

A homeowner outside of a study area may have a damaged lateral, and they may not be deemed eligible for repair by the Village, under MMSD guidelines. Member Goetter expressed concern that residents needing lateral repairs will not receive reimbursement when other Village residents are.

**MOTION** by Hansen, seconded by Rehkla to recommend to Public Works and Highway Committee that they create a Private Property Infiltration/Inflow Project Plan with the following parameters:

1. Program is for private homeowners
2. Staff to recommend a phased approach focusing on homes with most deficient laterals first, utilizing 80% of the funds available until the last year of fund availability, where there would be an approach in place to utilize the remaining funds.
3. Village pays 100% of the cost of the repair, to be reimbursed by MMSD.

**MOTION** by Warren, seconded by Goetter to amend parameter 1 as follows: "Program is for residential properties."

Utility Advisory Meeting  
May 21, 2015

**AMENDMENT** carried unanimously

**AMENDED MOTION** carries 4-1 (Chair Warren, Members Hansen, Rehkla, Reichert in favor).  
Member Goetter opposed.

**IX. NEXT MEETING DATE**

No meeting date was set.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Jim Hansen, Recording Secretary