

VILLAGE OF PLOVER  
WATER/WASTEWATER UTILITY COMMITTEE

November 14, 2011

5:15 p.m.

Members Present: Dan Schlutter, Joe Radomski, Bob Moodie, Fred LaRosa

Member Absent: Don Schumitsch

Others Present: Debbie Sniadajewski, Dan Mahoney, Rich Boden, Dave Fritsch, Orv Damrau, Tom Davies, Steve Fritz, Al Tessman

1. Mr. Schlutter called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
2. Mr. LaRosa moved, Mr. Radomski seconded approval of the minutes of July 18, 2011. Motion carried.
3. There were no persons wishing to address the Committee.
4. Mr. Moodie moved, Mr. Radomski seconded approval of the vouchers. Motion carried, copy attached.
5. **Rettler Corporation – Scope of Services Master Plan Proposal – Worzella Property east of CTH R.** Mr. Mahoney reported that the Village has applied for funding assistance from the DNR and Portage County to acquire 140 acres of land and convert it from agriculture to conservancy area. The area proposed for acquisition is adjacent to the Little Plover Rive (south side of the River). The Portage County Land Preservation Committee has approved funding 50% of the acquisition of two 40 acres parcels. The DNR has approved funding 50% on one 40 acre parcel, although they have agreed in principal to 50% funding for all 140 acres. To address DNR and County concerns it will be necessary to develop a master plan for the conservancy area. As such, staff solicited a proposal from Rettler Corporation to develop the master plan. Rettler Corporation's plan proposal would include the following elements: proposed pedestrian paths and trails; interpretive signage and educational opportunities; resting areas; bike paths; protection of wetlands, prairie, woodlands and Little Plover River watershed area; bow hunting and/or other public hunting areas and corridors; off leash dog park; and other.

A main purpose of the acquisition is to work with the Little Plover River group to improve Little Plover River flows. Other actions that have been implemented that will help improve Little Plover River flows include Del Monte land acquisition (approximately 160 acres), Village reduction of pumping at well number 1 and 2, and identification of 500 acres of land to be considered for DOT wetland banking projects.

The DNR has ranked the Village's acquisition and development project as the top-ranked project in the State and have modified the Village's application to include funding assistance for all 140 acres of land to be acquired as well as improvements to the property. The Village will own the land, which is in the town of Plover. The Village does not intend to annex the land at this point in time. The Village's goal with this project is to secure 50% of land purchase funds from the DNR and from the Portage County (Land Preservation Fund) and 50% funding of development costs from the DNR. Because this project is geared toward groundwater projection and impacts to the Village's wells, the Water Utility will pay for the project. Staff feels that development costs can be incurred by the Water Department budget without having to increase user fees.

**\*\*\* RECOMMENDATION TO VILLAGE BOARD \*\*\* Mr. LaRosa moved, Mr. Moodie seconded approval of \$7,750 to Rettler Corporation for Scope of Services Master Plan for Worzella Property east of CTH R. Motion carried, copy attached.**

**6. \*\*\* RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD \*\*\* Mr. Radomski moved, Mr. LaRosa seconded approval of the Rettler Corporation – Proposal for CSM Surveying Services – Worzella Property east of CTH R in the amount of \$1,500. Motion carried, copy attached.**

7. Mr. Fritsch reported that the Water Department found and repaired a number of leaks from the center third of the Village this year, as highlighted in his report. He and Mr. Mahoney reported that the State Safety Inspectors Department did their audit of the Water and Wastewater Departments and found very minor issues, but indicated that separate refrigerators must be used for samples and food items. Mr. LaRosa moved, Mr. Moodie seconded approval of the Water Department Manager's Report. Motion carried.

8. To his report Mr. Boden added that the 10-horse motor on the grit pump failed and will require a \$1,200 repair. A new pump would cost \$5,000 and wouldn't be available until December. Mr. Radomski moved, Mr. Moodie seconded approval of the Wastewater Department Manager's Report. Motion carried.

9. Mr. Moodie moved, Mr. Radomski seconded adjournment at 5:36 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by Pat Ladecki