

TOWN OF SHELBY BOARD AND SANITARY DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS attended the City of La Crosse public informational and listening session of the draft Sewer Facilities Plan and draft Sewer Rate Study at the Myrick Park Center.

DATE: Tuesday, June 25th, 2019

LOCATION: 789 Myrick Park Drive, La Crosse, WI 54601

TIME: 4:30 PM

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Town Supervisor Renee Knutson, Sanitary Chairman Bob Mueller, Commissioners Kurt Knutson & Steve Lundsten

City of La Crosse Discussion Leaders: Bernie Lenz, Jared Greeno, Donahue Rep, Trilogy Rep. They gave an Overview of the WWTP History.

- No sewage treatment in La Crosse prior to 1936.
- Upgrades made over the years.
- Currently at 24 employees. At one time, as many as 48.
- Fields for solids in La Crosse County include West Salem/Bangor area.
- Average flow - 1 million gallons per day.
- Peak flow - 42.5 million gallons.
- Debt free since 2014.
- \$55.5 Million for Comprehensive upgrade. 100% funding is expected. Clean Water funding for loan.
- Rate could change as the planning process continues - Discussion held of current needs and areas of upgrade and expansion.
- Space for solids is currently a significant area of need.
- Key areas of improvement include: Reliability Improvements - \$21 million, Solid Improvements - \$12 million, Phosphorus Improvements - \$8.5 million, Energy Improvements - \$7 million

Typical City of La Crosse residential rates will increase roughly \$5.87 per month if the project is financed over 20 year with WI Clean Water Fund - low interest loan. - Rates for users outside of La Crosse are still being discussed and are yet to be shared. The hope is that we will be able to charge based on our usage vs. one base rate for all. Since we have little to no industry, we would expect to pay less than Onalaska for example.

Goal dates include: Start of Construction June 2021. End Construction Sept 2023.

After the public portion of the meeting, conversation continued with the technical workshop for the community partners. Randy Sanford (SEH) sat with the SSD Commissioners for this portion of the meeting. No firm answers on the fee ratio for the partners, but that will be further discussed by the SSD Board as they negotiate the contract with the city. The hope is

that since Shelby is primarily a residential flow area (vs. industrial) there will be an equitable rate based on that type of usage. Our flow rates should help to clarify that as we go forward.

The City sent the following: Thank you to all who attended the Facility Plan PIM last week. The PIM recording is located at www.cityoflacrosse.org/wwfacilityplanning under the heading of 6/25/2019 – Video of Public Information Session on Draft Facilities Plan & Sewer Rate Study.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Kind, Clerk WCMC
Per Renee Knutson in attendance