

**ROTHSCHILD WATER UTILITY COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**211 Grand Avenue**  
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Date: Monday, February 24, 2020

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Rothschild Village Hall - Board Room

Pursuant to State Statutes, the following subject matter will come before the Board for consideration and possible action:

1. Call to Order
2. Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2020
3. Operator's Report
4. Possible need for an additional Water Tower
5. Adjourn

Signed: *Elizabeth Felkner*  
Presiding Officer or Designee

Posted at the: Rothschild Village Hall & Rothschild Post Office

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Date: 2-21-2020

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If there is a quorum of any other governmental body present at the meeting, the existence of the quorum shall not constitute a meeting as no action of such body is contemplated.



Accepted: February 24, 2020

1. Call to Order:

Village President George Peterson called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Members present: Rex Zemke, Dan Mortensen, Bill Schremp, Paul Kennedy, Deb Ehster, Craig McEwen, and Village President George Peterson. Also present: Administrator Gary Olsen, Administrator of Public Works Timothy Vergara, Lead Water Works Operator Rick Stoviak, and Clerk Elizabeth Felkner.

2. Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2019:

**Motioned by McEwen/Zemke to Approve the Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2019 as Presented. Questioned and carried 7:0.**

3. Operator's Report:

Lead Water Works Operator Rick Stoviak gave an update on his department.

- The daily water pumping is averaging roughly 500,000 - 600,000 gallons per day, and weekend pumping is averaging roughly 300,000 - 400,000 gallons per day.
- The water tower located at Cedar Creek is holding a temperature at 35° and the tower located at Brown Blvd is a temperature of 50°.
- Frost levels are at average 2-3 feet deep.
- 4<sup>th</sup> quarter meter reading was completed, and the bills were generated.
- The winter maintenance has begun at the plant. It takes roughly 1 week to clean out a cell. Completion will be at the end of February.

4. Discussion of Village of Kronenwetter Water Sale:

On December 19, 2019, Mr. Olsen, Mr. Vergara, and Mr. Stoviak had a Skype conference meeting with members of the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) and staff of the Village of Kronenwetter. The remote meeting was to discuss, with the PSC, the preliminary intentions of Kronenwetter to purchase an estimated amount of water per day from the Rothschild Water Utility. As a result, the PSC gave recommendations and direction to Kronenwetter (and some to Rothschild) on how to proceed in terms of what will be needed as part of an approval process. Ken Ligman from Becher Hoppe has been doing evaluations on Rothschild's water system to demonstrate various loadings and population use estimates on the true capacity of Rothschild's water system. After one year of service the PSC will require a rate study.

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Commission Members questioned concerns about the aquifer, deterioration of existing wells, areas or sites for new wells, how much water can and will Rothschild supply, and if there is a possibility of cross contamination.

Mr. Ligman explained that there is no concern of the aquifer at this time as water levels are in good condition throughout the Village. The Village does have plenty of water and other sites available if wells were to fail. The Village will supply roughly half of Kronenwetter's water demand and has plenty of extra water to supply Rothschild. There will be a back flow preventor for the connection to Kronenwetter so cross contamination will not occur.

**Motioned by Zemke/McEwen to move forward with an Agreement with the Village of Kronenwetter to use 150,000 gallons of water per day, and to Draft a Developer's Agreement for the Commission to review and approve. Questioned and carried 7:0.**

5. Adjourn:

**Motioned by Zemke/Mortensen to adjourn. Questioned and carried 7:0. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.**

Elizabeth Felkner  
Village of Rothschild Clerk



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**TO:** WATER COMMISSION  
**FROM:** TIMOTHY D. VERGARA PE, ADMINISTRATOR OF PUBLIC WORKS  
**SUBJECT:** WATER COMMISSION UPDATE  
**DATE:** 2/21/2020

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**Updates.**

**New Water Tower?**

Over the course of the several months we have been contemplating the need for a new water tower in the system. The need is driven by the possibility of Kronenwetter going online regarding residential demand AND fire protection, and a high amount of tower refills experienced daily.

Becher Hoppe has done research with ISO records and completed some preliminary modelling work with our system. The result is yes, the Village is lacking capacity regarding fire protection in the Cedar Creek pressure zone.

It was recommended by Becher Hoppe that a new tower be considered by the Village but in the base pressure zone. I have requested that they model the estimated maximum flow available through both 12" mains to the lower Cedar Creek pressure zone.

As a result, I have requested that the Village add in funding to purchase land for a new tower since we are in the borrowing process.

**Monthly versus Quarterly Billing.**

At the last meeting, the concept of monthly billing versus quarterly billing was talked about. Over the last couple of weeks, we have utilized Facebook and the election as a tool to collect survey data from residents for which billing method they prefer.

**The results from the polls are:**

44 - quarterly  
17 - monthly

**The results from Facebook are:**

60 - quarterly  
25 - monthly

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