

# IVSD Newsletter for 2023

The signing of a new agreement with the City of Oshkosh to replace the 1996 Agreement has taken up most of the commissioners' time in 2023. The commissioners, Vicky Rowe, Thomas Konrad and Ron Harrell, along with ad hoc commissioners Melanie Krawiec and Dan Cowling and financial adviser Jim Zinth, have met several times during the year to discuss the changes to the '96 agreement that involves Sanitary Districts in the Towns of Algoma, Black Wolf, Oshkosh, Edgewood-Shangri La, Sunset and IVSD. Working as one body, the sanitary districts hired Dempsey Law Firm, LLP Fond du Lac (John St. Peter) and Trilogy Water Rate Consultants (Christy DeMaster) to help shape the major portion of the agreement. IVSD retained John Claypool of Herrling-Clark Law to address our specific interests. Claypool represented IVSD in 1996 when the original agreement was signed.

Some of the major items covered in the new agreement involve boundary maps, sewer service areas, rate schedules, surcharges, flow monitoring and sampling, and water meters.

Among the items specific to IVSD because our Lift Station 1 is used by IVSD and the City to send waste to the City's municipal treatment facility are: shared costs for Lift Station 1, shared lists of customers, the Lakeview Mobile Home park, the Zacher Estates area, boundary maps, water meters for residents along Sherman Road and County Trunk A, flow meters and their placement, pipe maintenance, and areas annexed to the City after the original agreement was signed. Because the agreement affects all the sanitary districts and the city, it has taken nearly two years to finally close in on the final document. Keep an eye on our agendas in 2024 to see when the agreement is nearing completion.

In other news, our lift station operators under the fine leadership of Jim Latta and Jerry Tribbey (who have also attended some of the agreement meetings), have kept the three lift stations running well through a combination of regular maintenance and an eye toward the future. Because some of our pumps and parts were manufactured in the 90s, the men try to keep replacements on hand. One thing Covid taught us was that receiving parts quickly after ordering was not always easy. Near the end of the year the commissioners approved the purchase of two vacuum primed rotating assemblies (\$22,929 apiece) and two impellers plus additional parts (\$6,400.18) from Energenecs to add to our inventory.

Kudos to lift station operators Jim Merten, Troy Hamidi, Joe Olszewski, Kyn Anthony, and Terry Michels for the job they do through all kinds of weather conditions.

Commissioners adopted a swimming pool ordinance in February to address the growing number of pools in the district. The main thrust of the ordinance is to provide information about the draining of pool water (how, where). Copies of the swimming ordinance may be requested from our Business Secretary Julie Rosenau: [julierosenau.islandview@gmail.com](mailto:julierosenau.islandview@gmail.com) (920-236-9440) or IVSD PO Box 82 Winnebago, WI 54985.

Wishing you all the best in 2024. Please feel free to contact us with any questions. Contact information is available at: <https://townofoshkosh.com/ivsd-news-page/>.