

Water Sewer Committee Meeting

The Vergas Water/Sewer Committee met at the Vergas Government Services Center on Monday, March 3, 2025 at 9:00 am with the following members present: Dean Haarstick and Dwight Lundgren, Utilities Superintendent Mike DuFrane and Clerk- Treasurer Julie Lammers; Engineers Blaine Green, and Matthew Delahunt, Widseth Engineering.

Call to Order

Lammers called the meeting to order at 9:07 am.

Additions and Deletions

None

New Service Line -Pelican Avenue

Discussed the cost to add water and sewer lines out to Bennet Road and to the unmaintained road coming off of Pelican Avenue. Greene stated he could get the costs done for less than \$1,000. The committee asked him to provide them with estimates.

Lead Copper Lines

Greene updated the committee regarding lead and copper lines and explained Widseth will be able to complete the project with a grant from MN MDH (MN Department of Health). The committee stated the importance of having the city (Lammers and DuFrane) be able to review the information before they provide it to the state. The committee recommended to the Council to apply for a grant and hire Widseth to complete the lead and copper line information to the state.

Lift Station

The lift station of Scharf had frozen up and the plumbing was blown out during jetting. DuFrane is contacting companies on quotes to repair.

Options discussed:

Build shed over manhole to heat the force main.

Heat has made the plastic brittle and heat tape compromises the integrity of the pipe.

Install force main with dirt and insulation.

May need to add a catch basin as pond overflows in wet years.

MPCA Compliance Officer Kevin Peterson stated this is a maintenance item and no engineering needs to be done. Haarstick recommended DuFrane bring cost to the April council meeting.

2025 Projects

Sewer Projects

The following lift stations:

The main sewer pump will need to be replaced soon.

The lift station on County Road 4 and 60 has been hit a couple of times and will at some point need to be replaced.

The lift station on Scarf as discussed earlier.

Water Projects

Discussed catch basin at Vergas Hardware. They have an ice buildup from the water coming off their building. Discussed how they could get their water to the catch basin with a pipe either inside the building or along the building and then out to the catch basin. Lundgren will speak to Steve and Brad Huddleston regarding the issue.

The fence around the water treatment plant has been put on hold as the MPCA grant has been removed for this spring, hopefully we will be able to apply in the fall.

DuFrane stated he knew of no other projects in 2025.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Julie Lammers, CMC
City Clerk-Treasurer
City of Vergas

Recommendations to Council:

Approve applying for grant to complete project of copper and lead lines.

Follow up actions:

Greene to provide Lammers with lead copper lines information to Lammers and DuFrane before providing to the state.

Lammers to apply for MN MDH grant to cover the cost of completing project of finding unknown lines.

DuFrane bring estimates to the April council meeting for repairs to Scharf lift station.

Greene to get an estimate to add water and sewer to Bennett Road and along Loon Lake off of Pelican Avenue.