

**CITY OF SHEBOYGAN**  
**BOARD OF WATERWORKS COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**  
**Monday, February 16, 2026**

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**OPENING OF MEETING**

Commissioner Van De Kreeke convened the meeting at 3:30 PM.

Present: President Gerald Van De Kreeke, Secretary Tom Howe, Member Rich Dale.  
Superintendent Joe Trueblood.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

All present honored the flag of the United States of America.

**MINUTES**

2. Approve minutes of the January 19, 2026 meeting

Commissioner Dale made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Howe, to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2026 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**REPORTS**

3. Financial reports and approval of vouchers

Commissioner Van De Kreeke made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Howe, to approve the financial reports and general vouchers of 41,376,020.26 and gross payroll of \$327,689.95 (3 pay periods in Jan.). Motion passed unanimously.

4. Superintendent's report including operations, construction-maintenance, and customer relations/fiscal

Commissioner Dale made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Howe, to approve the Superintendent's report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

5. Proposal for annual landscaping maintenance

Superintendent reviewed ongoing turf practices proposal from Landmark Landscaping for 2026 services including fertilization, broadleaf application, and aeration, at an estimated cost of \$419.17 annually. Commissioner Dale made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Van De Kreeke, to approve the proposal. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Review bids on filter 7/8/9 reconstruction project

Superintendent presented a bid tab and letter of recommendation from CDM Smith regarding bids for the filter 7/8/9 reconstruction project. The Utility received bids from August Winter & Sons, Inc at \$2,292,625.00; Rohde Brothers Inc. at \$2,457,000.00;

and Mid City Corp at \$2,539,000.00. Superintendent reviewed the letter from CDM Smith recommending acceptance of the apparent low bid submitted by August Winter & Sons, Inc. Commissioner Van De Kreeke made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dale, to accept the bid submitted from August Winter & Sons. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Update on UW Madison Civil and Environmental students' capstone academic project for Sheboygan Water Utility.

Superintendent advised the Board of his ongoing work as a mentor in the Civil & Environmental Engineering (CEE 578) course offered to seniors at UW-Madison. This course takes young engineers through a specific project from building a proposal to executing a technical design. This year's project is an academic study of a future water treatment plant site in Sheboygan. Superintendent noted that this is an academic project and the Utility is not planning on a future water treatment plant for at least 10-20 years. However, the existing plant is aging and the site is landlocked without much room for future expansion.

8. Inform Board of lead service line (LSL) replacement quotation results for customers

Superintendent noted that quotes were received for replacement of private lead service lines in two project areas. RFQ 1 quotes were from Van Rite plumbing at \$315,857; M&E Construction LLC at \$323,500; Alfson at \$330,100; and Scott Lamers Construction LLC at \$455,550. RFQ 2 quotes were from Van Rite plumbing at \$1,212,015; Joski Sewer at \$1,254,630; M&E Construction LLC at \$1,298,000; Alfson at \$1,332,200; Korff plumbing at \$1,413,670; and Scott Lamers Construction LLC at \$1,718,800. Customers contract individually with the low RFQ contractor for replacement of their private lead service line, and the Utility coordinates WDNR grant/loan monies.

9. Request buy-out on lease of Takeuchi TB290 mini excavator

Commissioner Van De Kreeke made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dale, to approve purchase of the Takeuchi TB290 mini excavator at the buy-out cost of \$64,759.50. Motion passed unanimously.

## **PERSONNEL**

10. Update Board on 2025 performance evaluation/wage increase results

Superintendent reviewed the results of the 2025 performance evaluations.

## **NEXT MEETING**

11. Next meeting will take place on: March 16, 2026

## **ADJOURN**

12. Motion to Adjourn

At 4:20 PM, Commissioner Van De Kreeke made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dale to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

