

December 3, 2007

Jeff Mantes, Commissioner of Public Works  
Milwaukee Public Works  
840 North Broadway, Room 501  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE: Potential Milwaukee Water Service to Elm Grove

Dear Mr. Mantes,

The Village of Elm Grove requests to start the negotiating process for direct purchase of water from the Milwaukee Water Works. While working with Superintendent Carrie Lewis over the past several months to obtain engineering information the Village has confirmed the engineering possibilities to become a direct Milwaukee Water Works wholesale or retail municipal customer.

As you know, the Village of Elm Grove previously requested approval to purchase water through the City of Wauwatosa Water Utility. That request was unanimously approved by the Common Council on April 11, 2006.

As a part of this review we have evaluated the possibility of partnering with adjacent municipalities for infrastructure cost sharing for future water services. The City of Brookfield has expressed a desire to participate with the Village of Elm Grove in it's exploration of service possibilities and costs for the southeastern portion of the City, which lies east of the subcontinental divide and is serviced by the MMSD.

We look forward to starting negotiations and cost evaluations to obtain, reliable water services from Milwaukee Water Works. This is especially exciting with the possibility of a potential new participant which may make this more cost effective for everyone. Please let me know what further information you need for us to move forward.

Thank you for your time in considering our request and I look forward to hearing from you

Sincerely,

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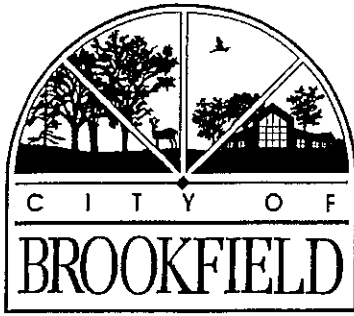
David De Angelis  
Village Manager

Cc: Neil Palmer, Village President  
Jeff Speaker, Mayor, City of Brookfield  
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JEFF R. SPEAKER  
Mayor

November 30, 2007

Mr. Dave DeAngelis  
Village Administrator  
Village of Elm Grove  
13600 Juneau Boulevard  
Elm Grove, WI 53122

Subject: Lake Michigan Water

Dear Dave:

This letter is to confirm the City of Brookfield's interest in participating in discussions with the Village of Elm Grove to obtain Lake Michigan water to serve the southeast portions of our respective municipalities. We understand that Elm Grove has held previous discussions with the City of Milwaukee and the City of Wauwatosa regarding provision of Lake Michigan water to the downtown area of the Village, with ultimate service to the entirety of the Village and it may be appropriate for the City of Brookfield to participate in future discussions.

As you know, the City of Brookfield has previously considered obtaining Lake Michigan water to serve the area in the City east of the sub-continental divide, having completed a study by Ruckert & Mielke on Water Supply options dated May 2001 evaluating this option among others. That report indicated that if the City was interested in pursuing Lake Michigan water, it would be wise to partner with the Village of Elm Grove so as to coordinate any infrastructure necessary to serve both municipalities and obtain economies of scale for provision of this water to our municipalities. Accordingly, it makes sense for the City of Brookfield to partner with the Village of Elm Grove in these negotiations at this time.

The Water and Sewer Board met on November 11, 2007 to consider and discuss this matter and has subsequently authorized staff to join the Village of Elm Grove in negotiations with the City of Milwaukee and/or the City of Wauwatosa for obtaining Lake Michigan water for a portion of the City of Brookfield. This authorization is limited to evaluating what the options and costs may be for joining Elm Grove in obtaining Lake Michigan water to serve only the southeast portion of the City of Brookfield at this time. A copy of the meeting minutes is attached for your use.



While the City has not made a final decision regarding if and when it would want to actually receive Lake Michigan water, it is important to plan ahead for the future and if negotiations are occurring now, we welcome the opportunity to be at the table.

If you have any technical questions about this project or want to set up a meeting, please contact Tom Grisa, Director of Public Works for the City. If you want to discuss this matter for other reasons, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

CITY OF BROOKFIELD

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Jeff R. Speaker  
Mayor

Cc: Scott Berg, Chairman of Water and Sewer Board  
Tom Grisa, Director of Public Works  
Mark Simon, Water Superintendent

**CITY OF BROOKFIELD**  
**Minutes of Water and Sewer Board**

**Tuesday, November 13, 2007**  
**COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**2000 N. Calhoun Road**  
**Brookfield, WI 53005**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Berg called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Alderman Scott Berg, Alderman Bill Carnell, Alderman Jerry Mellone, Alderman Mark Nelson and Alderman Rick Owen.

**Other Aldermen**

Present: Alderman Chris Blackburn and Alderman Lisa Mellone.

Staff Present: Director of Public Works Thomas Grisa, City Engineer Jeff Chase, and Administrative Assistant Karen Couillard.

**1) Approval of the minutes of the October 9, 2007 Water and Sewer meeting.**

- Alderman Mellone moved to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2007 meeting of the Water and Sewer Board. Alderman Carnell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**2) Discussion and possible action on a request to adjust the sewer portion of the water and sewer bill for 950 S. Adelman Avenue.**

Mr. Grisa stated that the resident of this property, Ms. Rose Carroll, approached him and asked for assistance with a water bill that showed excessive use due to a frozen water pipe bursting in her home while she was out of the country. Ms. Carroll initially stated that this incident happened in September of 2005, but when Mr. Grisa stated that there were no freezes in September of 2005, she corrected the date to February of 2006. The resident indicated that the water did not flow down the floor drain, but flowed out the garage, and she feels she should not have to pay the sewer portion of the bill. If the Board would consider granting any relief to this resident it would be for the sewer portion only of the bill, and Staff seeks direction from the Board.

Alderman Mellone believes that some compensation should be given to the homeowner.

Alderman Berg stated that it is evident that the water was delivered and that the pipe that broke was the plumbing in the home, which is the homeowner's responsibility.

Mr. Grisa stated that he requested the resident provide pictures to support the damage from the water, but did not receive anything other than the letter.

Alderman Owen stated that there is no clear determination that this request has validity and he feels there is not enough evidence to grant any credit to the homeowner.

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- Alderman Owen moved to reject the request for a credit to the water and sewer bill at 950 Adelmann Avenue. Alderman Carnell seconded the motion and it carried on a 4 to 1 vote with Alderman Mellone voting nay.
- 3) **Discussion and possible action on a request by the Village of Elm Grove to participate in negotiations with the City of Milwaukee for extension of water to the south east portion of the City of Brookfield and Village of Elm Grove.**

Mr. Grisa stated that the Village of Elm Grove has asked the City to consider attending meetings with the City of Milwaukee to discuss the possibility of providing Lake Michigan water to certain parts of the City in conjunction with the Village of Elm Grove. Staff is looking for the Board's approval to listen to the considerations given to this project and whether this is something worth pursuing.

Alderman Carnell stated there have been problems in the past finding water in this area of the City and therefore sees a real benefit of attending these meetings and gathering the information for further consideration.

Mr. Grisa agreed and added that most of this area is also east of the subcontinental divide and all of the sewage from this area flows back to the Lake via MMSD sewers and treatment plants. It would make sense to ensure that the transmission main is sized adequately to serve this area. Right now, these would be preliminary discussions and fact gathering meetings only.

Alderman Mellone believes it would be advantageous for the staff to attend these meetings.

- Alderman Nelson moved that staff can attend meetings with the City of Milwaukee and the Village of Elm Grove and possibly the City of Wauwatosa to discuss the technical parameters of serving the south east portion of the City of Brookfield with Milwaukee water, and to return to the Board at a later date with the information gathered for further consideration. Alderman Owen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4) **Approval of a water main easement within the Capitol Heights Phase II development.**

- Alderman Mellone moved to approve the water main easement within the Capitol Heights Phase II development. Alderman Owen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5) **Approval of sanitary sewer and water main easements in and for Georgetown Square.**

Alderman Carnell asked why the City takes on these sanitary sewer and water mains.

Mr. Grisa stated that if the sanitary sewer or water mains serve more than one property it is in the best interest of all that the City maintain these and not rely on the developer or owner to maintain

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them as there can be problems such as an owner not being readily available if there are issues with the main and it allows for equal service to everyone in the City.

- Alderman Owen moved to approve the sanitary sewer and water main easements in and for Georgetown Square. Alderman Mellone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- 6) **Approval of a water main easement near Claim Jumper Restaurant on the Brookfield Square property.**

Mr. Chase stated that with this new development, a fire hydrant needed to be moved and relocated; this hydrant was within an easement granted to the City of Brookfield when it was initially installed years ago.

- Alderman Carnell moved to approve the water main easement near Claim Jumper Restaurant on the Brookfield Square property. Alderman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- 7) **Adjourn.**
- Alderman Mellone moved to adjourn the Water and Sewer Board meeting at 7:31 pm. Alderman Owen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen L. Couillard, Administrative Assistant

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