



TOP News on Water: July 2021

Committee Mission: *"To achieve a permanent safe drinking water solution, within the current site investigation area in the Town of Peshtigo, at the expense of the identified responsible party."*

It has been an incredibly active 9 weeks in office to say the least. 😊 The priorities from the start were vast, several have been detailed below. I will focus on the matter of water as that in the intended focus of this report.

- First order of business was to secure a municipal lawyer since the Town was without representation of any kind (the previous Town Attorney resigned prior to the new term). That selection has been completed and implemented.
- Second was to build out Town Committee's led by elected Supervisors as respective Chairs. That process has been completed and, in most cases, fully operational. The committees consist of the following: Water, Roads, Buildings & Grounds, Recycling, Finance, Technology, HR, Public Projects and Policy. The implementation of these committees ensures that pressing Town matters will be addressed all while working tirelessly toward a Water Solution.
- The Water Committee was established April 20th, met on June 2 and is scheduled to meet again on July 7th (see attached monthly report).
- The full board has been brought up to speed on previous communication from Von Briesen, the Town's past Environmental Firm. That was necessary because we didn't have the legal records and needed historic context. Those records have all been transferred to the Town as well as our new Municipal Attorney ensuring everyone is informed.
- The board is now in the process of evaluating environmental firms as we currently have no environmental representation. A new reimbursement agreement with JCI needs to be obtained, to cover costs, and is an active priority for the Board.
- The Water Committee, with Board approval, agreed to proceed with a Water Summit. Its intent is to bring all stakeholders to ONE table to discuss the matter and identify shared goals along with any perceived roadblocks in order to move into next steps of a permanent solution. This has never before happened and consequently has allowed for miscommunication and misinformation, which we are all quite tired of and has led to limited forward progress. A

conversation has been initiated with JCI inviting them to cover the cost of the facilitator and related expenses. We are actively working to finalize those details and gauge their willingness to cooperate. Stay tuned...it is a daily effort.

- Speaking of 'staying tuned'... as you can see, the Town Website is complete. The BEST PART of the new site is that residents, such as yourself, will be able to sign up to receive meeting notices, monthly committee reports etc., of interest to you. So, if you sign up for Water notices, you can receive agendas, minutes, monthly reports etc. via email and/or text.

I hope you find this report informational, please rest assured that few know the frustration of waiting on a water solution better than me. Residents have my commitment to do everything within my power to move as rapidly as possible and to make as many wise decisions as possible during the process. It is a daunting task, and I ask for your support and patience in the process. Please do however, stay engaged and informed, it makes all the difference.

-Cindy Boyle
Town of Peshtigo Chairperson
Water Committee Chairperson

