

Dimondale/Windsor Wastewater Treatment Plant

SEWER BOARD MINUTES

January 20, 2011

7:00 p.m. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Blair

Roll Call

Present: Blair, Chappell, Reznick, Slucter, Stiles

Absent: none

Also Present: Denise Parisian, Village Manager; Mike Spitler, WWTP Supt.; Jerry Hilliard, DPW Supv.; Betsy Kelly, Recording Secretary.

Treasurer's Report/Bills

Motion by Reznick, second Chappell, to accept the treasurer's report for December 16, 2010 as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Chappell, second Slucter, to accept the treasurer's report for January 20, 2011 as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Reznick, second Stiles, to approve payment of \$28,041.30 for December 16, 2010 bills. Motion carried. Motion by Slucter, second Reznick, to approve payment of \$23,902.43 for January 20, 2011 bills. Motion carried.

Minutes

Motion by Reznick, second Slucter, to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2010 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

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No comments were received.

Superintendent's Report

Spitler reported on the following: the work schedule for the LCC intern at the plant; replacement of the bubbler control systems and mercury switches at the Creyts Rd. and Bridge St. lift stations; and the plan for bidding the televising project.

Old Business

1. Spitler presented a written report regarding the sewer issues at 132 Hamilton Street during November of 2010. Spitler noted that he contacted Michigan Plumbing, the contractor televising the main, and the operator on the job that day reported that the main was completely free of roots except at the point where Mr. Tyler's lead connected to the system. Slucter noted that the ordinance states that the leads are the responsibility of the property owners and the mains are the responsibility of the municipality and that all indications point to a blockage in the homeowner's portion of the system absent any other submissions of proof from Mr. Tyler. Ryan Tyler, 132 Hamilton St., addressed the group noting that he had pictures of the roots in the main for inspection by the Board. Mr. Tyler was unable to locate the pictures in his vehicle and requested a recess to obtain the pictures from home. The group agreed and Blair moved on to the next agenda item.
2. Blair introduced the draft Energy Audit Request for Proposal (RFP) for member review. Discussion followed regarding the companies to be solicited; review of the proposals by the Board; and the time frame for acceptance. The members directed staff to send the RFP to the four companies in the area that meet the requirements with an acceptance deadline of March 7, 2011.
3. Blair introduced the 2011-12 draft budget for member consideration. Parisian noted that no changes have been made to the document since the initial review in November 2010. Motion by Slucter, second Reznick, to forward the 2011-12 draft budget to the Dimondale Village Council and Windsor Township Board with a recommendation for approval. Discussion followed regarding the consistent building of a fund balance that supports the Capital Improvement Plan, the Equipment Replacement Fund and depreciation reserves; the stabilization of operational expenses; reduction in revenue due to loss of customer base; and retaining the current rate of \$30.00 per REU per month. Motion carried.
4. Blair reinitiated discussion on the sewer issues at 132 Hamilton Street with Mr. Tyler

back in attendance. Tyler restated his request for reimbursement of expenses related to the replacement of his sewer line based upon his assertion that Spitler advised him to have the entire system replaced and that the roots causing the problem were located in the municipalities sewer main. He presented pictures of the "Y" where the lead connects to the main and directed attention to the root ball. Parisian stated that when she was on the site, Mr. Tyler's old line had been excavated and roots were visible throughout the lead pipe. Hilliard stated that he witnessed roots at the "Y" in the line coming from Mr. Tyler's lead going into the main. Blair noted that the decision to replace the line ultimately came from the homeowner, not Spitler. Motion by Slucter, second Reznick, to accept the reports from Spitler and Hilliard regarding the events at 132 Hamilton St. during November 2010, and to deny the claim for reimbursement by Mr. Tyler based on lack of supporting evidence. Motion carried.

5. Parisian presented a letter from Miss Dig exerting an elevated pressure to join the group. Discussion followed regarding cost, lack of need over the past twenty years, population served and lack of clear direction under the current law. Members agreed to wait until the law has been clarified to determine participation.

New Business

1. No new business was presented.

Motion by Slucter, second Reznick, to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:10 p.m.