

Dimondale/Windsor Wastewater Treatment Plant  
**SEWER BOARD MINUTES**  
January 17, 2013

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

**Roll Call**

Present: Ammarman, Blair, Chappell, Reznick, Slucter

Absent: none

Also Present: Denise Parisian, Village Manager; Mark Hughes, WWTP Operator; Betsy Kelly, Recording Secretary.

**Treasurer's Report/Bills**

Motion by Slucter, second Chappell, to accept the treasurer's report for January 17, 2013 as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Reznick, second Slucter, to approve payment of \$68,411.51 for January 17, 2013 bills, including the pay request from MacKenzie for the sewer main project. Motion carried.

**Minutes**

Motion by Reznick, second Ammarman, to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2012 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

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No comments were received.

**Operator's Report**

Hughes reported on the following: televising project has been completed; new lift station is up and operational with a generator start up to be scheduled; and minor generator issues at the Lansing Rd. lift station.

**Old Business**

1. Ammarman reported on the sewer main replacement project.
2. Parisian explained that the property owner at 364 S. Bridge Street was notified of this meeting in order to represent his request for a temporary sewer cap, noting that the resident was not in attendance. She suggested removing the item from future agendas until renewed interest is expressed.

**New Business**

1. Blair introduced a request for a sewer cap at 122 E. Jefferson Street. Bob Rose stated that he has recently purchased the property and would like to request a temporary billing suspension because the house has been vacant for over a year and will not be in use until a permanent plan for the lot has been implemented. Parisian noted that previous requesters have been directed to achieve a complete exterior disconnection from the system that can be verified by the WWTP Superintendent. Discussion followed regarding the need for a permanent disconnect in order to prevent illegal use; the costs associated with capping; and the inability to monitor unoccupied sites due to staffing limitations. Motion by Chappell, second Reznick, to approve the request pending proof of an exterior sewer disconnect. Motion carried. The Board directed Parisian to solicit information from John Verlinde regarding the cost and work involved to perform sewer caps.
2. Blair introduced a request from Dick Albert to purchase WWTP property adjacent to his parcel off Walnut Hwy. Albert stated that he would like to purchase anywhere from 5 to 15 acres of WWTP land. Parisian explained that the first step in this process will be for the Sewer Board to evaluate the necessity or benefit for the WWTP to retain control of this

property or if a sale would be agreeable. Parisian explained that the land was originally acquired when the Plant had a ground water permit but that the current permit does not have the same requirements. Hughes stated that future expansions would not impact this section of land but he expressed concern over the proximity of the gravity discharge line to the property in question. Parisian noted that the land does provide a buffer between the WWTP and residential properties and a sale would result in a one-time injection of revenue. Discussion followed regarding whether there are any issues with environmental quality of the land due to the previous wastewater filtering use; the need to become familiar with the property and determine its proximity to the outfall pipe; and obtaining the engineers opinion on the value of retaining this parcel. Members agreed that more information was necessary and directed staff to investigate the following: proximity of the outfall pipe to the land in question; whether any deed restrictions prevent a sale; if the DEQ has any information on the environmental impacts of the previous use of the land; and the advice of Wolverine Engineers on the potential impact on the Plant if the land was to be sold.

3. Blair introduced the 2013-14 Budget for member review. Parisian provided an overview of the document including goals and objectives. Motion by Ammarman, second Slucter, to recommend adoption of the budget as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Reznick, second Ammarman, to adjourn. Motion carried at 7:52 p.m.

Blair reopened the meeting at 7:54 p.m. to address the change order request from E. T. Mackenzie for the sewer main replacement project. Ammarman requested a voting abstention which the other members unanimously approved. Motion by Reznick, second Slucter, to approve the change order as presented. Motion carried, Ammarman abstained.

Motion by Reznick, second Ammarman, to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:00 p.m.