

## MINUTES OF THE DIMONDALE/WINDSOR SEWER BOARD REGULAR MEETING

136 N. Bridge Street, Dimondale, MI 48821

October 16, 2014

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

### **Roll Call**

Present: Ammarman, Blair, Reznick, Slucter, Stover

Absent: none

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

### **Treasurer's Reports/Bills**

Motion by Reznick, second Ammarman, to receive the treasurer's report for August 21, 2014 as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Reznick, second Slucter, to receive the treasurer's report for September 18, 2014 as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Slucter, second Stover, to receive the treasurer's report for October 16, 2014 as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Reznick, second Stover, to approve payment of \$21,453.48 for August 21, 2014 bills. Motion carried. Motion by Stover, second Slucter, to approve payment of \$18,491.28 for September 18, 2014 bills. Motion carried. Motion by Reznick, second Stover, to approve payment of \$203,590.52 in bills and transfers for October 16, 2014 as presented. Motion carried.

### **Minutes**

Motion by Reznick, second Slucter, to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2014 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

### **Open to the Public**

No comments were received.

### **Operator's Report**

Hughes reported on the current televising project, replacement of the chemical feed pumps and electrical usage variance over the past few months.

### **Old Business**

1. Parisian reported on the status of the Miss Dig membership.

### **New Business**

1. Blair initiated discussion on the condition of the Township flow meter and Ammarman explained that this equipment has never functioned properly. Motion by Ammarman, second Slucter, to discontinue use of the Township flow meter. Motion carried.

2. Blair presented the pending sale of property on the west side of Creyts Road for discussion and Slucter explained that the Township is in negotiations to sell the land to Magna, a plastics plant that manufactures car parts. Tom Stauffer of Magna provided preliminary information on the proposed process and potential impact on the WWTP based upon similar operations at the Howell Magna plant. Hughes expressed interest in the installation of structures to measure flow and allow for sample pulling within the manufacturing plant and also questioned how the closed loop system will eventually discharge and the impact at the WWTP. Stauffer will put Hughes in touch with the designers and the building contractors. Parisian explained that the ordinance will need to be updated with language for pretreatment and sampling and appropriate procedures. Hughes also suggested issuing permits to industrial users to establish limits and conditions for treatment. Parisian noted that a rate will need to be developed for this user and suggested soliciting input from Wolverine.

3. Parisian explained that Ed Hall, Fireside Grill Owner, was in attendance to request a reduction in the sewer rate for his facility. She noted that the rate is based on the Table of Equivalent Unit Factors and is charged on a per seat basis and the recent addition of a banquet room raised the bill to \$3,465.00 per quarter. She explained that a number of seats on the patio and in the banquet facilities are largely unused but charged at the same rate as restaurant seats and questioned the reasonableness of this. Parisian suggested researching other municipalities and rates to determine if a more equitable billing factor could be employed for patios and banquet rooms. Discussion followed regarding the impact of not having meters, charging one rate for all seats and obtaining data from the Restaurant Management Association. Ed Hall addressed the group regarding his previous experience on a metered system. Parisian suggested keeping the billing for this facility at the amount for the first quarter of the year until a decision is made regarding the rate. Motion by Slucter, second Ammarman, to retain the old rate until the analysis is performed on restaurant seating rates. Motion carried. Parisian and Slucter will research the issue.

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