

MINUTES OF THE DIMONDALE/WINDSOR SEWER BOARD REGULAR MEETING

136 N. Bridge Street, Dimondale, MI 48821

October 15, 2015

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

Roll Call

Present: Ammarman, Campbell, Reznick, Slucter, Stover

Absent: none

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

Treasurer's Report/Bills

Motion by Slucter, second Reznick, to receive the treasurer's report for October 15, 2015 as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Campbell, second Stover, to approve payment of \$87,068.04 in bills and transfers for October 15, 2015 as presented. Motion carried.

Minutes

Motion by Reznick, second Campbell, to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Open to the Public

No comments were received.

Operator's Report

Hughes reported on the televising project; completion of the second round of sludge hauling; and, replacement of an air conditioning and furnace unit at the plant.

Village Report

Nothing new was reported from the Village.

Township Report

Slucter reported on budget preparation at the Township, purchase of a new fire truck and the discovery of unaccounted funds by Supervisor Braman.

Old Business

1. Hughes provided an update on the head works capital improvement project noting that equipment has been received and installation begins Monday, October 19th.
2. Parisian reported on the Blue Water sewer expansion noting that the mandrel test has been completed and certified by an engineer which finalizes all established field requirements for the new sewer main's acceptance. Parisian explained that a tap warrant is still needed and an issue has surfaced regarding the number of bedrooms per unit and therefore the number of REUs needed. She noted that the developer has stated that one-bedroom units with a den are being constructed which would require .5 REUs per unit however, information from the Eaton County Building Inspector and a review of Blue Water's internet advertising indicate that the floor plan for the new units mirrors the floor plan and square footage of the existing two-bedroom apartments which would need 1 REU per unit. Discussion followed regarding the plans filed with Eaton County and Windsor Township; how existing one-bedroom units are currently being leased; closet space; and the need for additional information. The Board members agreed to hold a special meeting on October 29, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. and invite the three development representatives to present information and address the questions raised.

3. Steve Ball requested an additional 30- day extension to the 30-day notice of termination of his contract with the waste water plant. Hughes noted that approximately 90% of the loads have been within an acceptable range with a few bad loads mixed in continuing the consistency problem, but an overall improvement has been noticed in the last month. Ball explained that he is continuing to work toward bringing the discharge into compliance and is having a new polymer formula created pending tests on his current product. He explained that he has started washing the belts and installed a new down bar on the press. Hughes noted that random samples are improved and spoke in favor of extending the contract. Motion by Slucter, second Campbell, to extend the notice of termination until the next Sewer Board meeting in 30 to 60 days. Motion carried. Parisian questioned continuing the surcharge given the documented improvement. Motion by Slucter, second Campbell, to reduce the surcharge by 50% subject to staff's judgement that loads meet the normal standard and then back to the contractual rate when 100% compliance has been achieved on a consistent basis. Motion carried.
4. Stover stated that an expansion of the Quality Dairy on Lansing Road is still being rumored.

New Business

1. Parisian presented a recommendation from staff to discontinue the contract with AC&E Rentals explaining that the product from the chemical toilets is not covered by our ordinance and presents an unnecessary risk to the system. Discussion followed regarding other disposal options for AC&E, risks to the system and the lack of benefit. Motion by Reznick, second Campbell, to terminate the contract within 60 days. Motion carried.
2. Parisian stated that a sewer backup occurred at 279 Pine St. created by a blockage in the lateral line which by definition in the ordinance is the responsibility of the property owner unless the pipe is broken under the road at which point it becomes the system's responsibility. Parisian requested an interpretation from the Board regarding the homeowner's obligation to restore the road after sewer repairs are complete. Ammarman stated that the road should be repaired to the Village standards at the property owner's expense.

Motion by Reznick, second Stover, to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:20 p.m.