

MINUTES OF THE DIMONDALE/WINDSOR SEWER BOARD REGULAR MEETING

136 N. Bridge Street, Dimondale, MI 48821

January 21, 2016

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

Roll Call

Present: Ammarman, Campbell, Reznick, Stover, Slucter

Absent: none

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

Treasurer's Report/Bills

The Treasurer's Report was recorded as presented. Motion by Reznick, second Campbell, to approve payment of \$20,546.83 in bills and transfers for January 21, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

Minutes

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

Open to the Public

Jason Karpinsky addressed the group regarding the possible discharge of leachate from landfills to the waste water plant.

Operator's Report

Hughes reported that operations are running smoothly.

Village Report

Nothing new was reported from the Village.

Township Report

Slucter reported on the MTA Conference.

Old Business

1. Hughes explained that the head works capital improvement project has been put on hold in anticipation of filing a Part 41 Permit, the equipment is not currently operational and will not be brought on line until the permit is approved.
2. Ammarman introduced the sewer capacity issue for Blue Water Village. Slucter stated that Windsor Township Board members are challenging the action taken by the Sewer Board at the December 2015 meeting regarding the sale of REU's from available capacity at the WWTP for \$3,500.00/REU, stating that the action devalued Township assets and was not supported by the sewer service agreement currently in place. Chris Patterson, Windsor Township Attorney, stated that the action taken contradicts paragraphs 5 and 12 of the agreement which calls for the approval of both units when setting fees and establishing policy. He suggested rescinding the motions from last month and determining if the action was legal or if a better way to handle the situation could be agreed upon. Discussion followed regarding the authority of the Sewer Board; REUs as a commodity; property rights; available capacity at the WWTP; the cost to build an additional ditch; and the need for a policy regulating the purchase/sale of REUs. Patterson opined that the Sewer Board must send all policy creation to the governing boards and does not retain that right as demonstrated in paragraph 5(c). Parisian stated that it is difficult to address Patterson's

concerns without time to review the references noted and confer with legal counsel. She suggested a compromise where Blue Water Village is directed back to Mrs. Angst to purchase nine REU's to construct all of Blue Water East, a total of 18 dwelling units, as originally agreed upon by the property owners and approved by Windsor Township (.5 REU/dwelling) with each dwelling subsequently billed for sewer usage at the correct amount for a two-bedroom unit (1 REU). Discussion followed regarding tracking REU transfers; the potential for additional development at the Blue Water Site; and tabling any additional action until the next meeting. Patterson addressed the group relevant to the procedure to rescind. Motion by Stover, second Slucter, to rescind the motion to authorize Blue Water to purchase up to 11 REUs as needed to complete construction at \$3,500.00 per unit required to be paid prior to occupancy for each building to which they pertain. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Reznick, second Campbell, to rescind the motion accepting the plan for the sale of REUs as presented. Motion carried unanimously. The members reviewed the Blue Water site plan. Motion by Campbell, second Reznick, to reference the site plan and assign each unit in the final phase of Blue Water East a tap warrant value of .5 REUs each for a total of 9 REUs and to bill sewer usage for each unit based upon a factor of 1REU. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Reznick, second Slucter, to put a process in place that defines transfer, creation and pricing of REUs by August 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Parisian reported that there are still issues with about 15% of the loads from Ball Septic and that she and Hughes will meet with Steve Ball to discuss this trend and prepare for negotiation of the contract renewal.

New Business

1. Ammarman introduced the final budget for member review. Parisian explained that this document reflects the same numbers as the original draft budget reviewed by the Board in November. Motion by Reznick, second Slucter, to approve the budget as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Reznick, second Slucter, to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:42 p.m.