

MINUTES OF THE DIMONDALE/WINDSOR SEWER BOARD REGULAR MEETING

136 N. Bridge Street, Dimondale, MI 48821

July 19, 2018

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

Roll Call

Present: Ammarman, Bogi, Reznick, Shaw, Slucter

Absent: none

Also Present: James Gallagher, Village Manager; Greg Hughes, WWTP Operator; Denise Parisian, former Village Manager; Betsy Kelly, Recording Secretary.

Treasurer's Reports/Bills

The May 17, June 21 and July 19, 2018 Treasurer's Reports were recorded as presented. Motion by Reznick, second Slucter, to approve payment of \$19,334.17 in bills and transfers for May 17, 2018 as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Reznick, second Bogi, to approve payment of \$22,559.59 in bills and transfers for June 21, 2018 as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Reznick, second Slucter, to approve payment of \$37,979.94 in bills and transfers for July 19, 2018 as presented. Motion carried.

Minutes

Motion by Reznick, second Bogi, to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2018 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

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No comments were received.

Operator's Report

Hughes reported on replacement of sludge storage decant pump; aluminum sulfate tank clean out; an increase in residential sewer inspections indicating system growth; and replacement of the air conditioning unit for the WWTP office. Hughes also stated that BioTech will haul sludge again next week after an emergency hauling in February. Hughes explained that this is due to issues with the product from Ball Septic exceeding the total suspended solids and phosphorus limits and creating a situation where their discharge represents 52% of the solids currently accumulated. Hughes noted that the ongoing inability of Ball to provide press water as established in the contract may result in a possible need for a third sludge hauling during this fiscal year. Discussion followed regarding surcharges, the pending contract with a new owner and more protections for the Waste Water Plant in the new document. Ammarman reported on the Creyts Road lift station upgrade.

Village Report

1. Gallagher presented a recommendation from staff to discontinue the contract with AC&E Rentals based upon the fact that the product is not press water as described in the ordinance. Motion by Slucter, second Reznick, to accept the recommendation as presented. Ryan Henderson, AC&E Rentals, questioned what has changed in the ordinance since the contract was signed in 2003 and stated that his company could provide a different product or pay an increased fee if it would mean retention of the ability to discharge at the this facility. Parisian explained that this has been an ongoing issue with AC&E because the ordinance states that only press water can be received and an agreement should be reached where that is achieved or the ordinance amended. She added that additional portable toilet vendors should not be accepted.

Henderson noted his interest in working toward bringing his product into compliance. Slucter withdrew his motion and Reznick his support. Slucter suggested tabling the issue for 60 days.

2. Gallagher presented the five (5) year generator maintenance proposal from Cummins. Discussion followed regarding this being the first generator contact entered into; lack of bidding; and no need for a budget amendment.

3. Gallagher introduced the Kelly Fuels REU charge recommendation. Parisian explained that the initial reduced rate for the car wash was based upon 24 months of monitoring water usage and that time frame has long since expired generating data that demonstrates usage consistently in excess of the current rate charged. Discussion followed regarding communication with Kelly Fuels, lack of ability to meter all uses and maximum rate suggestion not meeting minimum usage. Slucter suggested tabling the issue for 30 days.

4. Gallagher reported on the June 25th force main rupture.

Township Report

1. Slucter reported on the Township's dangerous building ordinance and Harvest Park's State licensing approval.

2. Ammarman reported on approval of Harvest Park's Part 41 Permit which will allow installation of sewer infrastructure. Hughes noted that untreated effluent from this use could potentially use 80% of the organic capacity at the plant while only utilizing 50 % of the hydraulic capacity due to high BOD and phosphorous content. Discussion followed concerning onsite pretreatment, every lot having a sampling manhole and each grow facility demonstrating ordinance limit compliance.

Old Business

1. Ammarman suggested tabling the REU Management Policy for 90 days.

New Business

1. Gallagher introduced the Ball Septic contract revisions for member consideration. Gallagher explained that Steve Ball has a potential buyer for the business and this has allowed the Village to renegotiate the terms of the contract to provide increased penalties for non-compliant loads, ability to refuse loads, shortened termination periods and a graduated disposal charge based upon the average of four (4) tests per month. Gallagher stated that the new owner, Darrell Vanderstelt, is requiring full restoration of existing equipment to meet established standards before the sale is complete. Motion by Slucter, second Shaw, to table the issue until the August meeting pending attorney review and test results. Brandon Eldridge, Ball Septic representative, stated that once the equipment has been repaired the sale could be finalized within 30 days but a contract with the Village is required for financing. Discussion followed regarding current equipment maintenance issues with Steve Ball, length of contract term, attorney review, and proper representation of ownership in the contract. Eldridge stated that without a contract the sale cannot proceed. Discussion followed regarding approval of contract contingent upon attorney approval and test results that fall within the established parameters, approval of the general terms of the contract and intent to work toward transfer of the contract. Ammarman suggested a letter of intent to confirm the contract negotiations contingent upon attorney review and test results. Ammarman revisited the motion to table the issue until August. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Slucter, second Shaw, to instruct Gallagher to sign a letter of intent with Vanderstelt for contract approval contingent upon attorney review and test results meeting the required parameters. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Ammarman initiated discussion on establishing a rate for Harvest Park. Ammarman noted that he has been researching an “industrial non-water based use” rate for this purpose with a calculation based upon .5 or .6 REU’s per 1,000 square feet which would equate to approximately 27 or 28 REU’s for this development and he encouraged Board members to conduct research as the facility will likely be operational by the end of 2018.

Motion by Reznick, second Bogi, to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:26 p.m.