

MINUTES OF THE June 20, 2022, REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Authority Board Meeting

1:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL: Chairperson Harma called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. Commissioners present were Lysanne Harma, Jimmy Stoneburner, and Jeff Sorensen. Commissioner Christina Hutchings arrived at 1:35 p.m. and Barry Bower was absent with notice. Also present were Executive Director John Crumb, Executive Assistant Heather Mezo, Attorney Rob Thall, Field Superintendent Aaron Grogg, Water Superintendent Bill Bresson, Engineer Paul Schram. Also present were a few area residents.

REVIEW AND SET THE AGENDA:

Stoneburner made the motion to set the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Sorensen.

Motion carried; all ayes.

HEAR THOSE PRESENT: Nothing was presented.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Lift Station 41 Infiltration

Still ongoing, estimated treatment alone is \$5,000 a week. City of Kalamazoo is willing to work with us so that it will not affect our two-year average.

Motion carried; all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

2022 Equipment Fees

Motion

Intergovernmental agreement's fee structure increase is written in contract with a standard 5% increase. Director Crumb's review supports an 8% increase.

Sorensen made the motion to approve the equipment and labor fee schedule. Motion was seconded by Stoneburner.

Motion carried; all ayes.

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Michigan Homeowners Assistance Fund

Motion

This will allow the Authority to be able to help customers that need assistance deemed by the state. This allows the Authority to directly receive funds from the State of Michigan.

Hutchings made the motion to approve the participation in the Michigan Homeowner Assistant fund. Motion was seconded by Stoneburner.

Motion carried; all ayes.

6455 N 39th Street

Motion

The Authority needs to confirm the pressure sewer equipment for annual maintenance to be completed.

A motion was made by Sorensen and seconded by Stoneburner to send the letter to homeowner via certified mail if needed pending equipment confirmation.

Motion carried; all ayes.

11530 E. Michigan Ave./Charleston Township

Motion

The authority has sent notification to the homeowner that GLSWA is no longer the agent for Charleston Township. A check was issued to Charleston Township for the work that was not completed.

A motion was made by Sorensen and seconded by Stoneburner to send the check and letter to Charleston Township.

Motion carried; all ayes.

FOIA Excess Fee Appeal

Discussion.

Attorney Eccleston worked with the FOIA requestor on the excess fee appeal to attain resolution through a finer definition of the FOIA request. Once the new defined request was attained, the excess fee appeal was dropped. A new fee was then calculated, agreed upon, and payment was received. Attorney Eccleston will receive documents in full for review within the new time frame established post appeal.



A motion was made by Stoneburner and seconded by Sorensen to acknowledge receipt and to extend for 10 days.

Motion carried; all ayes.

Sherman Lake Update

Motion

A draft copy of the contract was reviewed with the Board by Engineer Schram as it applies to each contractor with minor changes specific to each contractor. Finalization of the contracts will be forthcoming. A hearing date to set the voluntary special assessment district and roll by Ross Township will be set by Attorney Thall.

A motion was made by Sorensen and seconded by Stoneburner to authorize Executive Director Crumb to work with Attorney Thall and Engineer Schram on the final draft of the Sherman Lake Contract.

Motion carried; all ayes.

M-96 Pipe Rehab Update

Discussion

Still awaiting the track monitoring review from Amtrack. Senator McCann's office is still working with the Authority to attain the construction permit for pipe lining.

OLD BUSINESS: On Going

Projected

Crumb included the Old Business On-Going update in the packet mailed to the Board. There were no questions.

CLOSING COMMENTS

ADJOURN.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY, July 18, 2022, 1:30 P.M.



Submitted for approval

JMMU Stoneburner – Secretary