



## MINUTES OF THE November 14, 2022, REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Authority Board Meeting

1:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL:** Chairperson Harma called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Commissioners present were Lysanne Harma, Barry Bower, Jeff Sorensen, and Christina Hutchings. Also present were Executive Director John Crumb, Office Manager Leslee Schnepf, Attorney Rob Thall, Field Superintendent Aaron Grogg, Water Superintendent Bill Bresson, Engineer Paul Schram, and a few area residents. Jimmy Stoneburner was absent with notice.

### **REVIEW AND SET THE AGENDA**

Motion

Crumb requested that the Closed Session be moved to the end of the meeting agenda considering the turnout. Hutchings made the motion to add to the agenda to discuss the topic of water service in Ross Township including commentary by Trustee Langshaw and Trustee Harmon before the public commentary. The motion was seconded by Sorensen.

**Motion carried; all ayes.**

Motion

Sorensen made the motion to set the agenda as amended. Motion was seconded by Bower.

**Motion carried; all ayes.**

### **Public Water**

Hutchings stated EGLE provided a statement that “No residential wells in Ross Township have been tested at this time for PFOAs”. Harma shared that PFOA was found in the ground water test wells in Ross Township with the UPC. Crumb provided background on the UPC, the Regional Commission, and the City of Kalamazoo 40-year water contract.

### **HEAR THOSE PRESENT:**

- A few residents spoke.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion

Sorensen made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion was seconded by Bower.

**Motion carried; all ayes.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Liability Insurance**

Motion

Sorensen made the motion to approve the liability insurance provided by the Ted Hartleb Agency at an increase of 5%. Motion was seconded by Hutchings.

**Motion carried; all ayes.**

## **OLD BUSINESS: On Going**

### **Sherman Lake Project Update**

Discussion

11 connections completed on Sherman Lake this fall. 3 more connections to be completed this calendar year. The Authority has invoiced Ross Twp for the material costs, grinder costs and bond fees and awaits the Ross Township Board approval for release of the bond funds.

### **M-96 Pipe Rehab Update**

Discussion

The start date remains as December 6, 2022.

### **Bank Stabilization by NW Corner of Pole Barn**

Discussion

The hill behind the pole barn is eroding. Quotes & recommendations have been sought to reinforce land and build space back up behind the pole barn. The wetlands have been staked and a plan is being finalized with the help of Wightman.

### **9638 W Gull Lake Dr**

Discussion

Sewer Connection Status Review. The design has been altered and the project is waiting on easements and legal agreements along with EGLE permitting.

### **11938 Yorkshire**

Discussion

The Authority has been paid in full.

### **A-1 Mechanical and A1 Asphalt Outstanding Invoices**

Discussion

Attorney Rob Thall to write a letter requesting restitution.

**Closed Session:**

At 2:55 p.m. Sorensen moved that the Authority Board convene in closed session under section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act, to consider material exempt from disclosure by state statute, section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act, being a letter from its attorney dated November 14, 2022, for the reason that the letter is exempt from disclosure under State law due to the attorney-client privilege.

**Roll Call Vote: Bower-aye; Sorensen-aye; Harma-aye; Hutchings-aye;**  
**Motion carried**

The Board resumed open session at 3:24 p.m.

**CLOSING COMMENTS**

No closing comments.


**ADJOURN.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY, December 12, 2022, 1:30 P.M.

Submitted for approval

  
Jimmy Stoneburner – Secretary