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MINUTES OF THE JULY 21, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Authority Board Meeting

1:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL: Chairperson Harma called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. Commissioners present were Lysanne Harma, Jimmy Stoneburner, and Christina Hutchings. Commissioner Barry Bower was en route, arriving at 1:42 p.m. Also present were Executive Director John Crumb, Executive Assistant Anne Richmond, and Attorney Rob Thall.

REVIEW AND SET THE AGENDA: Crumb revised the Agenda to add Charleston Township-Moving Forward under New Business. Stoneburner made the motion to set the Agenda as revised. Motion was seconded by Hutchings. **Motion carried; all ayes.**

HEAR THOSE PRESENT (Non-Agenda Items): Lina Daou, a GLSWA customer at 1469 West Gull Lake Drive, stated that it is unfair that she is receiving a separate sewer bill for a guest house. She was not made aware when she purchased the home that there was a separate sewer bill. She has shut off the water to the guest house and is not using it-GLSWA field staff observed this. She was informed that everything ran through the house. The guest house does not have a separate meter or address.

CONSENT AGENDA: Crumb reported that the State Website, MiWaters, is now used to report SSO events and notification of an SSO event is still required to be published in the newspaper. This process was followed for the recent 37th Street SSO. The SSO event was not covered under insurance since it was not immediately adjacent to GLSWA buildings. The cost for the SSO so far is \$38,954. The City of Kalamazoo has yet to send an invoice for material. Crumb expressed appreciation to the City of Kalamazoo for providing material and to WJ Stafford for assisting in any way he could. A motion was made by Hutchings and seconded by Stoneburner to approve the consent agenda. **Motion carried; all ayes.**

NEW BUSINESS

Memo to Insituform for M-96 Pipe Rehab Discussion/Motion
 Crumb shared with the Board a modified letter he had written to Insituform to notify them that GLSWA will be using a different contractor for this project. Insituform objected to the language in the original letter and Attorney Thall approved the language modifications. A motion was made by Stoneburner and seconded by Hutchings to move forward and engage the new contractor, Granite, on Monday, July 26. **Motion carried; all ayes.**

Approve MML Worker's Compensation Fund Ballot Discussion/Motion
 A motion was made by Hutchings and seconded by Bower to authorize the Director to approve the MML Ballot and mail it in. **Motion carried; all ayes.**

GLSWA/Charleston-Moving Forward Discussion/Motion
 Effective July 1, 2021, GLSWA is no longer the agent/operator of the sewer collection system south of M-96 for Charleston Township. This includes billing. Crumb reviewed recommended GLSWA actions with the intent to ensure a smooth transition for sewer billing. A motion was made by Stoneburner and seconded by Bower to send a letter to the Charleston Township Supervisor, Treasurer, and Clerk to address the billing transition and the steps GLSWA will be taking. **Motion carried; all ayes.**

OLD BUSINESS: On Going

Projected

Crumb reviewed the updated Master List.

Guest House: 1469 West Gull Lake Drive Discussion
 The Board chose to discuss the issue raised earlier in the meeting by customer Lina Daou. The Board agreed that the guest house currently meets the requirements to be billed for sewer per the ordinance as it has a kitchen, bathroom, and sleeping facilities and sewer is readily available to the structure. Crumb will communicate this to Ms. Daou.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Office Assistant Cheri Rose announced her retirement from GLSWA.

Harma reported that Richland Township has updated the Water Ordinance.

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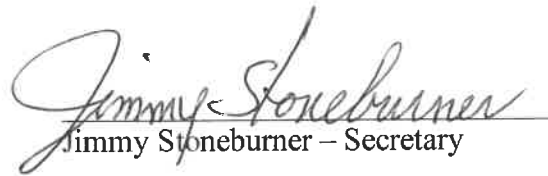
Hutchings made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Bower.
Motion carried; all ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2021 1:30 P.M.

Submitted for approval


Jimmy Stoneburner – Secretary