

# Gull Lake Sewer & Water Authority

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## MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2012 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Authority Board Meeting held at 10:00 A.M. at the offices of the Gull Lake Sewer and Water Authority at 7722 N. 37<sup>th</sup> Street, Richland, MI.

**CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL:** Chairman Bither called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Commissioners present were Jeff Bither, Jimmy Stoneburner and Wes Kahler. Jackie Light was absent. Also present were Director Rich Pierson, Administrative Assistant Anne Richmond, and Richland Township Supervisor Alan Bussema. Attorney Ken Sparks was present via telephone.

**REVIEW AND SET THE AGENDA:** Stoneburner made the motion to accept the Agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Kahler. **Motion carried; all ayes.**

**HEAR THOSE PRESENT (Non-Agenda Items):** None Present.

### **MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION:**

A motion was made by Kahler and seconded by Stoneburner that the Authority Board go into closed session with Rich Pierson, Anne Richmond and Alan Bussema to review with the Authority's attorney a confidential written attorney-client communication. **Roll Call Vote: all ayes; Motion carried.** The Board went into closed session at 10:02 a.m.

The Board resumed open session at 10:34 a.m.

### **BEDFORD SETTLEMENT OFFER**

The Board then proceeded to consider a proposed settlement offer made by Ms. Alexandra Bedford with respect to connection of her property at 6291 N. 37<sup>th</sup> Street to the public sanitary sewer system.

After brief discussion, a motion was made by Jimmy Stoneburner to approve a proposed Settlement Agreement and Release of Claims in the amount of \$8,550 between the Authority and Ms. Alexandra Bedford and to authorize the Director to execute the agreement on the Authority's behalf. Motion was seconded by Bither. **Roll Call Vote: Kahler-No, Stoneburner-Yes, Bither-No; Motion failed.**

A motion was made by Wes Kahler to issue a letter to Ms. Bedford stating that the Authority denied her offer of settlement for \$7,850 within the deadline for acceptance she presented to the Authority, but that the Authority indicate that it is willing to work

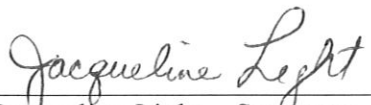
with her to disconnect her property from the public sanitary sewer by removing the above-ground electrical equipment and the grinder pump and by shutting the valve off at the street. Motion was seconded by Bither. **Roll Call Vote: Kahler-Yes, Stoneburner-No, Bither-Yes; Motion Carried.** *Pierson to work with Attorney Sparks to draft a letter to Ms. Bedford.*

## CLOSING COMMENTS

ADJOURN. NEXT MEETING THURSDAY DECEMBER 20, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. following CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON STARTING AT 12:00 NOON

Chairman Bither adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Submitted for approval

  
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Jacqueline Light – Secretary