

Superior Township Water Board Minutes

May 20, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 pm by Bill Munsell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll Call of Members: Bill Munsell, Jim Sutton, Rachel Lyons and Kathy Loup.

Motion by Kathy Loup, supported by Rachel Lyons to accept Jim Busha's absence. The motion was approved. Jim Busha arrived at 5:25.

Others Present: Frank Toms, Water/Sewer Superintendent and Larry Noyce, Water/Sewer Employee.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Jim Sutton, supported by Kathy Loup to accept the agenda with the addition of "Water Tower Inspection" under Old Business. The motion was approved.

Minutes from April 15, 2025: Motion by Jim Sutton, supported by Bill Munsell to approve the minutes of April 15, 2025. The motion was approved.

Minutes from April 22, 2025: Motion by Rachel Lyons, supported by Jim Sutton to approve the minutes of April 22, 2025 with the addition of "after 6 months **up** to \$21.50/hr **following review.**" The motion was approved.

Old Business/DPW Report: Frank will not know how his testing went until sometime in June.

-Crane engineering has completed work on Lift Station 2 following township approval for the \$12,036.67. The others will be done at a later date. Crane Engineering will be back the week of June 2nd to continue work. Lift Station 3 has been quoted \$8,084.23 for repairs by Crane.

-Peerless Midwest concluded service and testing for the wells. More information and recommendations will be at the June meeting. Well #2 has been in service 31 years will need upgrading this year. The cost for the telemetry changes to fiber is \$30,426.00 and will be needed this summer. Well #3 should be done next year.

-Frank will have quotes for backup generators at the June meeting.

-Storm sewer leak was turned over to the County Road Commission who then turned it over to MDOT.

- Dumping of the lagoons will be completed by the beginning of June. Samples are continuing to go to Detour.

-Water 'turn on's' are keeping the water department busy.

-Miss Dig program is now coming to the present water department and not the former superintendent.

- Motion by Jim Sutton, supported by Kathy Loup to recommend to the Township Board that a pump and check valves be installed in lift station 6 for approximately \$15,000 - \$16,000. The motion was approved. Frank will have a quote by next week's Township Board Meeting.
- Peerless Midwest has quoted \$30,426.00 to change the telemetry from the old phone lines to the new fiber optic lines to the wells. This will be phase #1 and should be completed this year. Phase #2 will be done at a later date and will create accuracy for readings with the installation of remote access. This will be at a cost of \$22,482.00.
- Motion by Rachel Lyons, supported by Jim Sutton to move forward with the installation of the telemetry and the pump for lift station 6. The motion was approved.
- A new meter for the school is here and will be installed this summer.
- Rachel Lyons brought the board up to date on the Fishback meeting with Frank. They discussed system recommendations and possible funding opportunities. Fishback reported that the lagoon is in good shape. They are working on a site plan for improvements and will get quotes for costs. Sinking manholes are getting covered with gravel and should be raised to stop this from becoming a problem. Lift Station 4 needs a guard rail for protection.
- Rachel Lyons questioned past due water billings, shut off and possible small claims processes. There is a resident who owes a substantial amount.
- Motion by Jim Sutton, supported by Rachel Lyons to have the Township send a certified letter to the resident stating that they had 60 days to pay the overdue amount or make payment arrangements to bring the bill up to date or the Township will be forced to take legal action. In addition, they must provide access to the water meter by the DPW. The motion was approved.

New Business: A resident on Lakeshore Dr and Atkinson Rd is requesting access to Superior Township water and sewer. Frank will meet with the resident and bring information back to the Water Board at the July meeting.

Adjournment: Motion by Rachel Lyons, supported by Jim Sutton to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Kathy Loup