

Superior Township Water Board Minutes

June 17, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Jim Busha.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

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 Kathy Loup, supported by Jim Sutton to accept the agenda with the correction of "Atkinson Road Water Line Proposal" under new business. The motion was approved.

Minutes from May 20, 2025: Motion by Jim Sutton, supported by Rachel Lyons to approve the minutes of May 20, 2025. The motion was approved.

DPW Report, Updates & Old Business: Frank has passed his certification testing for Water and for Sewer.

-Motion by Kathy Loup, supported by Jim Sutton to recommend to the Township Board that Frank be increased to \$24.00/hour according to his hiring agreement. The motion was approved.

-2 New hook-ups: one on Baird St and one on Crawford St. Both have lines in place but homes have been removed. This led to discussion on costs involved with re-hook-ups, whether ready to serve costs have been charged, and increases to materials and installation charges. Charges for DPW services and suggestions for charges were discussed leading to a discussion on the ordinances and organizing them.

-The State Park meter is working. The State has paid the back bill bringing their account up to date. A new meter will be installed in the fall after the Park closes for the season.

-Frank is recommending that new hire, John Tharp, attend a training in Alpena on July 1st. The cost is \$185.00.

- Frank will purchase t-shirts and sweat shirts for DPW employees in order to identify them as Township employees when they are on the job. The shirts will be purchased with Frank's monthly allowable amount of \$1200.

-Frank is working on quotes for backup generators from Wolverine Power.

-Larry suggested that priority be put on lift station 3 for needed repairs by Crane Engineering. The quoted \$8084.23 needs to be approved by the Township Board.

-Larry stated that only one pump in lift station 6 is working and should be a priority.

Old Business: -The Clerk is researching the costs involved with re-hook-ups for parcels that have had the homes removed but the water/sewer lines remain. The many ordinances done over the years need to be organized.

-The Township Board approved the \$8084.23 for lift station 3 repairs by Crane Engineering. This will be done the week of July 16th.

-The water meter at the school seems to be reading fine at this time and no replacement is needed.

-The Water/Sewer Board received an informative Assessment Report from Fishbeck. We discussed some of the information in the report.

- A guard rail for lift station 4 is not feasible so there will be no further discussion.

-Discussion on the unpaid water bill on the parcel that is now owned by Bay Mills Tribe. The Board is not sure if the Township has acted on this yet. Jim Sutton will take it to the Township Board.

-The water rate study should be coming to the August Board Meeting.

-A letter was sent to the former DPW Superintendent by Mike Fox, Supervisor with no response. The Township Board will not pursue it further. A discussion followed on cameras in Township buildings and any access to those cameras.

-The Lakeshore/Atkinson Rd resident has not made contact with the Water/Sewer Department yet to discuss hooking to the township water/sewer lines.

New Business: Proposing a meeting to discuss the water/sewer system. A motion was made by Bill Munsell, supported by Jim Sutton to propose having a public meeting with Fishbeck, the Bay Mills Tribe, the Township Board, the Water/Sewer Board, EGLE and Rural Water to discuss the water/sewer system. Motion was approved.

-A motion was made by Bill Munsell, supported by Jim Busha to request the Township Board to contact Granger Engineering and/or their successors for any maps/information they may have for the Superior Township water system. The motion was approved.

Adjournment: A motion made by Bill Munsell, supported by Kathy Loup to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.