

Superior Township Water Board Minutes

April 15, 2025

The Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Bill Munsell.

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

Kathy Loup motioned and Jim Sutton supported to accept Jim Busha's absence. Motion was approved.

Others present: Frank Toms, Water/Sewer Superintendent, Larry Noyce, Water/Sewer Employee

Public Comment: There was no public comment

Approval of the Agenda: Jim Sutton made a motion and Rachel Lyons supported to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was approved.

Minutes from March 18, 2025: Rachel Lyons made a motion and Jim Sutton supported to approve the Minutes from March 18, 2025. Motion was approved.

DPW Report and Updates: Frank will write the Lagoon certification test on May 1st and the S-4 test on May 7th. The alarm pump seal in lift station 3 will be repaired by Crane Engineering; The sump pump in lift station 3 was replaced due to not working in years; the switches in lift stations 1, 2, 3 & 4 need to be replaced by Crane Engineering.

Kathy Loup made a motion, supported by Rachel Lyons to recommend to the Township Board that the quote from Crane Engineering for \$9,000 be approved for repair on lift stations with funds to be used from the sewer investment account as the sewer budget does not include funds for this expense. Repair will be on lift stations 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7. The cost for lift station 6 will be covered by Bay Mills Tribe reducing the Township cost to \$7,500. Motion was approved.

The heater in the water tower quit which froze the telemetry and the alarm signaled low water. The tower must be inspected every 5 years and 2025 is the 5th year. Frank has had communication with Dixon Engineering for a quote. Frank has talked to Hiawatha Telephone Company about changing the telemetry from the tower to well numbers 2 and 3 from copper lines to fiber lines. He will be checking further and report back in May.

Bill Munsell made a motion supported by Rachel Lyons to recommend to the Township Board to approve covering the cost of a quote for \$7,094.50 from Autore Oil for a generator for the tower plus the cost of installation. The motion was approved.

Rachel Lyons made a motion, supported by Jim Sutton to recommend to the Township Board to approve covering the cost of a quote by Peerless Midwest Inc for \$750 to inspect and test the 2 wells and pumps. The motion was approved.

Fishbeck Engineering has started assessment of the sewer system. Rachel Lyons reported that both lift stations 5 and 6 will have to be replaced per Fishbeck. The cost will be covered by the Bay Mills Tribe.

There are 6 valves at the lagoon that need to be replaced. The cost is \$900/valve. Frank suggests doing 3 each year for 2 years. Also, the fence around the lagoon needs to be repaired and the area needs to be cleaned up of piles of dirt and concrete that have been dumped there in the past. The lift stations and electrical boxes need to be painted. Sewer lines need to have the camera inspection done. The State suggests 20% be completed each year.

New Business: 3 applications for the DPW employee were received.
The Board will check with the office to get a copy of the 2025/2026 Budget.

Bill Munsell made a motion, supported by Rachel Lyons to call a special meeting on April 22nd at 4:15 to interview applicants for the DPW employee position. The motion was approved.

Old Business: Frank will be finding out when Michigan Rural Water will be able to conduct a water/sewer rate study.

Frank will confirm the State Park water meter reading at the May meeting.

It was discussed that the possibility of monthly water billing as opposed to the quarterly billing is something that should be considered at a future date.

Jim Sutton will contact Amy Eddy, Treasurer, to find out if she has contacted the former DPW superintendent.

Rachel Lyons made a motion, supported by Jim Sutton to adjourn the meeting at 6:35pm.
Motion was approved.

Kathy Loup