



MINUTES OF THE September 19, 2022, REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Authority Board Meeting

1:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL: Chairperson Harma called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Commissioners present were Lysanne Harma, Jimmy Stoneburner, Barry Bower, Jeff Sorensen, and Christina Hutchings. Also present were Executive Director John Crumb, Executive Assistant Heather Mezo, Office Manager Leslee Schnepf, Attorney Rob Thall, Field Superintendent Aaron Grogg, Water Superintendent Bill Bresson, Engineer Paul Schram, and a few area residents.

REVIEW AND SET THE AGENDA

Stoneburner made the motion to set the agenda as amended. Motion was seconded by Sorensen.

Motion carried; all ayes.

HEAR THOSE PRESENT:

- Resident comment on rate increase.
- Resident comment on connection costs.
- Resident comment on burp valve/odor.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion

Total \$153,000 lift station 41 infiltration cost. Sorensen made a motion to issue a letter to Cooper Twp. requesting assistance with the repair expense. The motion was seconded by Stoneburner.

Sorensen made the motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion was seconded by Bower.

Motion carried; all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel Policy Update Motion
Changes made to sick time, vacation time, long-term & short-term disability, and part time benefits. Changes will go into effect January 1, 2023.

Sorensen made the motion to approve the updates to the personnel policy. Motion was seconded by Stoneburner.

Motion carried; all ayes.

Steensma Lawn Equipment Purchase Motion
The lawn mower was exchanged based on the government, 3-yr buyback program.

Stoneburner made the motion to approve the purchase of the lawn mower from Steensma equipment. Motion was seconded by Bower.

Motion carried; all ayes.

Sherman Lake Project Paving Motion
Allowing Kalamazoo County Road Commission to add the paving of North Sherman Lake Drive part of the project to their yearly total of paving for quoting. This will include the paving of 1530 feet by 20 feet, instead of 1530 feet by 10 feet that is required by the county. This is due to the fact that the residents paid to have this road paved.

A motion was made by Sorensen and seconded by Stoneburner to approve the Kalamazoo County Road Commission to add GLSWA paving needs to their annual paving project and include the cost to cover the whole portion of the payment disturbed by the Sherman Lake Project.

Motion carried; all ayes.

Sherman Lake Project Update Discussion
Monday September 26th to start on portions of N. Sherman Lake Dr. The project is waiting on supplies and contractor availability. Easements in construction with the engineering firm. Work will continue, as planned, until the first frost. Communication with the homeowners has taken place.

M-96 Pipe Rehab Update Discussion
The contractor has committed to December 6, 2022.

11938 Yorkshire Dr. Letter Discussion
The homeowner was in attendance and participated in the discussion. The homeowner is requested to communicate with the insurance company asking them to discuss directly with the Director to open the dialog of communications. The Director will provide

necessary information based on the insurance requests. The 24” basin riser needed to extend the equipment to ground level is on back order. The Director will reach out to other municipalities in search of an alternate option.

Kalamazoo Rate Increase

Discussion

The City of Kalamazoo is scheduled to raise their treatment rates by 20% effect on invoices dated October 1, 2022. This rate increase was supported by 2 separate rate consultants. On January 1, 2023, all future rate increases will be effective on the first of the year. Learn more at the September 8, 2022, City of Kalamazoo Utility Policy Committee meeting shared on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/PKvjeQjLxTk>

GLSWA will be working to identify rate changes in a timely manner to address treatment costs along with planned future capital equipment investments.

OLD BUSINESS: On Going

Projected

Crumb included the Old Business On-Going update in the packet emailed to the Board. There were no questions.

CLOSING COMMENTS

ADJOURN.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY, October 17, 2022, 1:30 P.M.

Submitted for approval


Jimmy Stoneburner – Secretary