

M I N U T E S

Board of Public Works  
Louis A. McMurray Conference &  
Transportation Center  
2624 Sixth Street  
Muskegon, Michigan  
October 11, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Marvin Engle at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL

Present: Don Aley; Charles Buzzell; Lewis Collins; James Derezinski; Marvin Engle; Kenneth Mahoney; I. John Snider; Louis McMurray.

Excused: Martin Hulka.

Staff

Present: Dave Kendrick, Director of Public Works; John Warner, Deputy Director of Public Works; Mark Eisenbarth, Deputy Director of Public Works for Wastewater; Jack Niemiec, County Administrator; Sam Wendling, Community Development Director; Ted Williams, Corporate Counsel; Karen Fisher, Secretary.

Others

Present: Dennis Babcock, Whitehall Township Supervisor; Jim McCormick, McCormick Sand; Duane Buckner, Vietnam Veterans; Gary Veldman and Larry Scarborough, American Legion Post #9; News Media.

BPW-07-174 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Aley, seconded by Mr. Snider, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 13, 2007, and the special meeting held on September 25, 2007.

Motion carried

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BPW-07-175 - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved by Mr. Snider, seconded by Mr. Derezinski, to approve the Accounts Payable in the total amount of \$2,044,560.73 as follows:

1. Parks Fund 2080 - \$12,809.76
2. Water System Improvement Bond Fund 4150 - \$92,315.66
3. Muskegon Charter, Egelston, Dalton Townships Sewer Fund 4641 - \$1,355,141.04
4. Whitehall Township Water Fund 4645 - \$212,843.31
5. Solid Waste Fund 5710 - \$1,718.96
6. Regional Water System Fund 5910 - \$353,541.56
7. Laketon Township Sewer Fund 8834 - \$16,190.44

Roll call: Ayes - Derezinski; Engle; Mahoney; Snider; Aley; Buzzell; Collins; McMurray.

Nays - None.

Motion carried

BPW-07-176 - AUTHORIZATION TO BID TRUCKS - PUBLIC WORKS & SOLID WASTE

Moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Mahoney, to approve staff to bid two ½ ton extended cab 4 x 4 pickup trucks, one for Solid Waste and one for Public Works with costs being paid by Solid Waste, fund 5710-0526.

Motion carried

BPW-07-177 - AUTHORIZATION TO BID VEHICLES - WASTEWATER

Moved by Mr. Derezinski, seconded by Mr. Snider, to authorize Wastewater staff to advertise for bids the purchase of three vehicles: a 4-wheel-drive SUV for the deputy, a treatment site operator's half-ton 4-wheel-drive truck, and a 1-ton 4-wheel-drive fleet maintenance service truck.

Motion carried

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BPW-07-178 - USE OF FORMER LIFT STATIONS

Moved by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Snider, to approve that the Muskegon County Vietnam Veterans Chapter 31 be given the use of the former Wastewater Lift Station F building and grounds at 3977 Grand Haven Road according to the agreement, for one dollar (\$1), and to approve that the American Legion Post #9 be given the use of the former Wastewater Lift Station K building and grounds at 3444 Hoyt Street according to the agreement, for one dollar (\$1).

Commissioner Snider made a friendly amendment that before any improvements/changes are made to any buildings on these sites, they be presented to staff for their review and information. The friendly amendment was accepted. Mr. Kendrick stated he talked to the organizations and they do not plan on doing many improvements to the buildings.

Gary Veldman and Larry Scarborough, American Legion Post #9, and Duane Buckner, Vietnam Veterans, introduced themselves.

Roll call: Ayes - Snider; Aley; Buzzell; Collins; Derezinski; Engle; Mahoney; McMurray.

Nays - None.

Motion carried

BPW-07-179 - APPROVE ELECTRONIC UPGRADE PROPOSALS

Moved by Mr. Snider, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the electronics upgrade proposals from Sidock Systems for \$27,662 each for Wastewater Lift Stations A and B.

Roll call: Ayes - Aley; Buzzell; Collins; Derezinski; Engle; Mahoney; Snider; McMurray.

Nays - None.

Motion carried

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BPW-07-180 - GRAVITY SEWER EASEMENT FOR WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP

Moved by Mr. Snider, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the gravity sewer easement for Whitehall Township on the old Wastewater Treatment Plant property. The easement will also be forwarded to Full Board for their approval.

Motion carried

BPW-07-181 - ADVERTISE FOR BIDS - CALIBRATION OF FLOW METERS

Moved by Mr. Snider, seconded by Mr. Buzzell, to authorize Wastewater staff to advertise for bids the calibration of flow meters for calendar years 2008 and 2009.

Motion carried

BPW-07-182 - REJECT QUOTE/REBID VACTOR TRUCK

Moved by Mr. Derezinski, seconded by Mr. Snider, to reject the quote of \$1,000 for the used Wastewater System vactor truck and authorize staff to re-bid this piece of equipment.

Motion carried

BPW-07-183 - SALE OF BROWN BEAR HYDROSTATIC TOOL CARRIER

Moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Buzzell, to approve the sale of the Wastewater System Brown Bear Hydrostatic Tool Carrier to Merrel Brothers for \$75,101 per the terms of RFB 07-1553.

Roll call: Ayes - Mahoney; Snider; Aley; Buzzell; Collins; Derezinski; Engle; McMurray.

Nays - None.

Motion carried

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BPW-07-184 - AWARD SLUDGE REMOVAL PROJECT

Moved by Mr. Aley, seconded by Mr. Buzzell, to award the Wastewater Lagoon Four sludge removal project to Jackson-Merkey Contractors for \$110,790 per the terms in RFB 07-1563.

Roll call: Ayes - Mahoney; Snider; Aley; Buzzell; Collins; Derezinski; Engle; McMurray.

Nays - None.

Motion carried

BPW-07-185 - INFORMATION ITEMS

Moved by Mr. Derezinski, seconded by Mr. Collins, that the following information items be received and placed on file:

1. Public Works Monthly Operating Report - September 2007.
1. Muskegon County Regional Water System Policy Board Minutes - September 11, 2007 (draft).
1. Muskegon Municipal Wastewater Management Committee Minutes - September 20, 2007 (draft).

Motion carried

BPW-07-186 - OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Aley asked when the Parks reports will be given to the Board.

Mr. Warner stated they will be given to the full Board in the next few days.

Vice Chairman Engle inquired if Parks issues should be transferred to the Public Works Board instead of Community Development. This would be an issue for the full Board.

Commissioner Buzzell stated that there has been discussion regarding the Berry Junction bike trail not being allowed to go

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BPW-07-186 - OLD BUSINESS CONT'D

through the Cordova property and asked for an update on this issue.

Mr. Warner stated staff is working with Corporate Counsel, Dalton Township and the Berry Junction Bike Trail Committee to find a more attractive route than to have it go through an industrial area. Discussions are continuing and no final decisions have been made.

Commissioner Snider stated that if the bike trail goes through the industrial park, there is a significant chance there would be a substantial amount of additional grants. He stated it appears to him that there is no logical reason not to do this. Commissioner Snider stated he would like a definitive answer and would like the full Board to make the final decision.

Commissioner Aley stated that the Berry Junction Bike Trail Committee has been working very hard to raise money for this project. They need an additional \$114,000 by October 18 or the project will have to be downsized and they will receive less grant money.

Chairman McMurray requested the County Administrator send a letter to Mr. Justin Hobbs explaining the history of the McMurray Conference & Transportation Center and the awards the building has won in response to his derogatory remark about the building.

BPW-07-187 - NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

BPW-07-188 - AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Dennis Babcock, Whitehall Township Supervisor, addressed the Board of Public Works and thanked them for approving the sewer easement for Whitehall Township.

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BPW-07-189 - CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Mr. Derezinski, seconded by Mr. Collins, to enter into closed session regarding land acquisition at 4:20 p.m.

Roll call: Ayes - Aley; Buzzell; Collins; Derezinski; Engle; Mahoney; Snider; McMurray.

Nays - None.

Motion carried

The meeting entered back into open session at 4:30 p.m.

BPW-07-190 - ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Aley, seconded by Mr. Snider, to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

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Louis McMurray, Chairman

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Marvin Engle, Vice Chairman

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