

## MINUTES

Board of Public Works  
Louis A. McMurray Conference &  
Transportation Center  
2624 Sixth Street  
Muskegon, Michigan  
September 13, 2007

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Louis McMurray at 3:30 p.m.

### ROLL

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

### 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; Ellen Pallasch, Wastewater Accountant; Ted Williams, Corporate Counsel; Karen Fisher, Secretary.

### Others

Present: Joan Raap, Egelston Township Clerk; Kim Arder, Laketon Township Resident; News Media.

### BPW-07-155 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Engle, seconded by Mr. Aley, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 9, 2007, and the minutes of the closed session held August 9, 2007.

Motion carried

BPW-07-156 - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved by Mr. Engle, seconded by Mr. Snider, to approve the Accounts Payable in the total amount of \$507,233.20, as follows:

1. Parks Fund 2080 - \$25,682.84
2. Water System Improvement Bond Fund 4150 - \$169,553.99
3. Muskegon Charter, Egelston, Dalton Townships Sewer Fund 4641 - \$148,418.29
4. Solid Waste Fund 5710 - \$233.87
5. Regional Water System Fund 5910 - \$147,484.41
6. Laketon Township Sewer Fund 8834 - \$15,859.80

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

Nays - None.

Motion carried

BPW-07-157 - GILES ROAD WATER BOOSTER PUMP STATION PROJECT - CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER #5

Moved by Mr. Engle, seconded by Mr. Snider, to approve Contract Change Order #5 to the Giles Road Water Booster Pump Station project (RFB-06-1479) in the amount of an increase to the contract price of \$320.00 bringing the total contract cost to \$999,401.00 with costs being paid from Northside Water System Construction Fund, 4150-4154.

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

Nays - None.

Motion carried

BPW-07-158 - SALE OF USED 3/4" WATER METERS

Moved by Mr. Derezinski, seconded by Mr. Mahoney, to authorize the sale of used 3/4" water meters for sub-metering at a cost of \$25.00 each, in as-is condition, with no reading/maintenance

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responsibilities and with cleaning/disinfection requirements, with proceeds received being placed in the Northside Water System fund 5910-0546.

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

Nays - None.

Motion carried

BPW-07-159 - BIDDING WASTEWATER PLANT IRRIGATION PUMP STATION #3 SRF PROJECT

Moved by Mr. Aley, seconded by Mr. Buzzell, to approve Wastewater staff bidding the Wastewater Plant Irrigation Pump Station #3 SRF project.

Motion carried

BPW-07-160 - BIDDING WORK TO CLEAN AND VIDEO RUDDIMAN AREA GRAVITY SEWER

Moved by Mr. Engle, seconded by Mr. Snider, to approve Wastewater staff bidding the work to clean and video the 24-inch Ruddiman area gravity sewer.

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

Nays - None.

Motion carried

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BPW-07-161 - BIDDING FORCE MAIN PIPE AND REPAIR PARTS

Moved by Mr. Snider, seconded by Mr. Buzzell, to approve Wastewater staff bidding of force main pipe and repair parts.

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

Nays - None.

Motion carried

BPW-07-162 - BIDDING SAND BLASTING AND PAINTING GRAIN CENTER BINS AND REPLACEMENT OF LADDERS

Moved by Mr. Derezinski, seconded by Mr. Engle, to approve Wastewater staff going out for bids on sand blasting and painting all the bins at the grain center and to bid the replacement of specified ladders as well.

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

Nays - None.

Motion carried

BPW-07-163 - FY 2008 SOLID WASTE BUDGET

Moved by Mr. Snider, seconded by Mr. Engle, to approve the Solid Waste budget for FY 2008 as presented (with Solid Waste, fund 5710 revenues of \$5,362,492 and expenditures of \$5,298,593; Fly Ash, fund 5711 with revenues of \$53,000 and expenditures of \$120,656) and recommend same to the Board of Commissioners.

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

Nays - None.

Motion carried

BPW-07-164 - FY 2008 MUSKEGON COUNTY REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM BUDGET

Moved by Mr. Engle, seconded by Mr. Snider, to approve the budget for FY 2008 for the Muskegon County Regional Water System as presented (operating fund 5910 revenues of \$2,834,229 and expenditures of \$2,625,532; construction fund 4150 revenues of \$1,863,634 and expenditures of \$2,898,249) and recommend same to the Board of Commissioners.

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

Nays - None.

Motion carried

BPW-07-165 - FY 2008 WASTEWATER CAPITAL AND O&M BUDGETS AND  
LABORATORY FEE TABLE

Moved by Mr. Engle, seconded by Mr. Snider, to recommend adoption of the proposed FY2008 Wastewater Operations and Maintenance budget (Fund 5920 with expenditures and revenues of \$11,549,913), to leave the gallonage rate unchanged at \$1,096.26 per million gallons, setting the debt retirement rate at \$173.32 per million gallons for the \$17M bond issue and recommend the Wastewater capital budget (Funds 5921 and 4911) and the recommended Laboratory Fee Table, all for FY2008.

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

Nays - None.

Motion carried

BPW-07-166 - INFORMATION ITEMS

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

1. Public Works Monthly Operating Report - August 2007.

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2. Muskegon County Regional Water System Policy Board Meeting Minutes - August 7, 2007 (draft).
3. Muskegon Municipal Wastewater Management Committee Meeting Minutes - July 19, 2007.

Motion carried

BPW-07-167 - OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Kendrick addressed the Board of Public Works regarding the 66" force main negotiations with the State. He stated that word was received that the County is eligible for state revolving fund low interest loan for the three mile 66" force main replacement.

Mr. Kendrick stated he would like comments and guidance from the Public Works Board in the next 1½ months in which a decision to accept the low interest loan has to be made for next years funding.

Commissioner Aley stated he is in favor of moving forward and would like to see this issue be presented to the Wastewater Management Committee for their concurrence.

Mr. Kendrick stated the Wastewater Management Committee will be discussing it next week.

Mr. Kendrick stated that the State is still opposed to the route that Muskegon Township would like the county to take.

Commissioners Derezinski and Engle were also in favor of moving forward.

Mr. Kendrick briefed the Public Works Board regarding on-going discussions with MDEQ since the sewer pipe break on MDEQ's wishes to install some sort of defense mechanism for spills. MDEQ wants to keep the spilled wastewater out of surface waters. Some of the suggestions were dual pipelines, isolation valves and retention basins. Mr. Kendrick feels that the only alternative that is feasible from an engineering point of view is a retention basin. Discussions are being held with MDEQ and the engineers on

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where the retention basin(s) would need to be located, how big they need to be and how much they would cost. Mr. Kendrick stated that the cost would be \$10 million dollars or more. MDEQ is waiting to see how the discussions proceed on the retention basin(s) before issuing the County a draft order. That order will have the fine for the spill and the conditions that the County will have to agree to. The City of Muskegon has been made aware of where the retention basin could possibly be located in their city.

Mr. Kendrick stated he would rather have new pipe put in if that much money has to be spent.

Chairman McMurray stated planning for the future must be considered in this matter.

Mr. Kendrick stated a recommendation will be brought back to the Board of Public Works.

BPW-07-168 - NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Snider stated it is important for the County to be very "transparent" in their purchasing and bidding procedures.

Mr. Niemiec, County Administrator, stated that a meeting is being held to review the purchasing policies and procedures.

Commissioner Snider inquired about using wind turbines at the Wastewater.

Mr. Kendrick stated that there is not enough wind at Wastewater to justify using wind turbines.

Commissioner Snider stated that there is a turbine process that uses methane gas and he inquired if staff would be willing to review and consider use of this at the Wastewater.

Mr. Kendrick stated that a few years ago there was an agreement to put in a small demonstration unit at Solid Waste and that did not happen. Then the unit was going to be installed at the new dairy which was to be located on Wastewater property south of Laketon Avenue and when the dairy project did not proceed at the Wastewater, the demonstration unit was placed at denDulk Dairy.

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Mr. Kendrick stated that methods of direct use of the methane gas from the landfill are being reviewed.

Mr. Kendrick stated that the Michigan Section, Society of Civil Engineers Award presented their second highest award for construction projects to Prein & Newhof and the County of Muskegon for the Phase I Sewer System Upgrade. Mr. Eisenbarth presented the award to Chairman McMurray.

BPW-07-169 - AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ms. Kim Arder, 170 S. Bear Lake Road, addressed the Board of Public Works. Ms. Arder stated, as a concerned citizen who lives in an area that will have sewer extended to it, she hopes that before extending sewer systems, the existing sewer systems work properly so there are no more overflows.

BPW-07-170 - ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Aley, seconded by Mr. Buzzell, to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

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

Nays - None.

Motion carried

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Louis McMurray, Chairman

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Martin L. Hulka, Secretary

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