

MINUTES

Board of Public Works
Special Meeting
Louis A. McMurray Conference &
Transportation Center
2624 Sixth Street
Muskegon, Michigan
September 25, 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; Kenneth Mahoney; I. John Snider; Louis McMurray.

Excused: Martin Hulka.

Staff

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

Others

Present: Scott Erdman, Erdman Machine; Deb Ackerman, Egelston Township Treasurer; Dave Johnson, Whitehall Township Trustee; Joan Raap, Egelston Township Clerk; Dennis Babcock, Whitehall Township Supervisor; Matt Farrar, City of Roosevelt Park; Bob Kuhn, City of Muskegon DPW; Carol Bartos, Muskegon Charter Township Treasurer; Pat Jordan, Muskegon Charter Township Supervisor; Mayor Steve Warmington, City of Muskegon; Commissioner Gill; Commissioner Scolnik; Commissioner Wade; Students; News Media.

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BPW-07-171 - CONSIDERATION TO SELL WHITEHALL WASTEWATER PROPERTY

Moved by Mr. Snider, seconded by Mr. Mahoney, to approve the Purchase Agreement with Mr. Scott Erdman for the sale of the Whitehall Wastewater Plant property for \$1,325,000 per the terms in this Agreement and authorize the Public Works Board Chairman to sign same. This item will be forwarded to Full Board for their approval also.

Mr. Kendrick stated that the Municipal Wastewater Committee met last week and unanimously recommended approval of same. Whitehall Township has also endorsed the sale.

Moved by Mr. Engle, seconded by Mr. Mahoney, to suspend the rules and allow audience participation on this issue.

Motion carried

Mr. Scott Erdman addressed the Board of Public Works and briefed them on his plans for possible uses of the property such as recycling projects, alternative energy projects, sporting events and residential/commercial areas and answered questions from the Board.

Dennis Babcock, Whitehall Township Supervisor, addressed the Board of Public Works stating the Township is in favor of the sale and of Mr. Erdman's plans for the property.

Bob Kuhn, City of Muskegon, addressed the Board of Public Works stating the City is in support of the sale.

Commissioner Mahoney stated that it is good to have a local investor purchase this property.

Commissioner Snider stated he sits on a Board with someone who provides some of the technology to Mr. Erdman and does not view that as a conflict.

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

Nays - None.

Motion carried

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BPW-07-172 - DISCUSSION ON DEQ REQUEST FOR RETENTION BASINS

Mr. Kendrick updated the Board on the discussions with the DEQ on defensive mechanisms in regard to possible future wastewater spills. The only mechanism that seems practicable from an engineering point of view is retention basins. Wastewater's engineers have proposed to place a large retention basin near "C" Station or four smaller basins near other lift stations. Mr. Kuhn gave a presentation to the City of Muskegon Council and Mr. Eisenbarth gave a presentation to the Muskegon Charter Township Board regarding the retention basin issue. A presentation to the Norton Shores City Council will be given tonight. These are the communities where the retention basins could possibly be located so staff wants their input.

Mr. Kendrick stated that DEQ has indicated that they will consider a basin without a liner which would save 10%-20% of the cost. This may also allow the basins to be used for other things. One possible alternative use of the basins would be treating storm water. Communities are still submitting their input and staff would like any comments from the Commissioners also.

Mr. Kendrick stated that the City of Muskegon, Muskegon Charter Township and the Wastewater Users Committee are not in favor of using retention basins.

Students from Muskegon Community College were in attendance.

BPW-07-173 - ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Snider, seconded by Mr. Buzzell, to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Motion carried

Louis McMurray, Chairman

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