

Muskegon County  
Board of Public Works  
August 14, 2014  
4:00 p.m.  
Michael E. Kobza Hall of Justice  
990 Terrace Street  
Muskegon, MI 49442

Terry Sabo, Chair

Benjamin Cross, Vice Chair

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MINUTES

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Sabo at 4:01 p.m.

**ROLL**

Present: Terry Sabo, Muskegon County Commissioner  
Marvin Engle, Muskegon County Commissioner  
Susie Hughes, Muskegon County Commissioner  
Charles Nash, Muskegon County Commissioner  
Rillastine Wilkins, Muskegon County Commissioner  
Benjamin Cross, Muskegon County Commissioner

Excused: Robert Scolnik, Muskegon County Commissioner

Absent: Brenda Moore, Drain Commissioner  
Kim Arter, Ex-officio Member  
Doug Kadzban, Ex-officio Member

Staff  
Present: John Warner, Public Works Director  
Mark Eisenbarth, Wastewater Director  
Doug Hughes, Corporate Counsel  
Tina Nash, DPW Departmental Clerk  
Ken Mahoney, Muskegon County Board of Commissioner Chair  
Jim Elwell, Interim County Administrator

**BPW-14-062 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Commissioner Cross, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the agenda as presented.

**Motion carried**

**BPW-14-063 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 17, 2014.

**Motion carried**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AN AGENDA ITEM**

None

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**BPW-14-064 – Concur with the Solid Waste Planning Committee to increase recycling in Muskegon County and direct staff to explore options**

Moved by Commissioner Cross, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to concur with the Solid Waste Planning Committee in moving forward and finding ways to significantly increase recycling participation in Muskegon County through all avenues available, and direct staff to explore options for the Solid Waste Planning Committee to consider.

VOICE VOTE:

**Motion carried**

**BPW-14-065 – Adopt 2014 Wastewater Archery Deer Hunting regulations, Trapping Rules and authorize the DNR Waterfowl Hunt and Spring Youth Turkey Hunt.**

Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to adopt the 2014 Wastewater Archery Deer Hunting regulations with the exemption for Military Veterans of \$25.00, adopt the 2014 Trapping Rules, and authorize the DNR Waterfowl Hunt and the Spring Youth Turkey Hunt.

VOICE VOTE:

**Motion carried**

**BPW-14-066 – Information Items**

Moved by Commissioner Cross, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, that the following information items be received and placed on file:

1. Public Works Monthly Operations Report, July 2014.
2. Wastewater Monthly Operating Report, July 2014.

VOICE VOTE:

**Motion carried**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Eisenbarth informed the Board that the Wastewater site was used by the Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility for a training exercise.

Mr. Eisenbarth clarified some of the information that was presented to the Full Board on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 by Dawn Lund, Utility Financial Solutions regarding the Wastewater finances. Mr. Eisenbarth stated the information will be in the budget presented to the Board in September 2014. Mr. Eisenbarth also stated that he will be sharing this information with the user group at their next meeting.

Commissioner Engle and Commissioner Sabo thanked Mr. Eisenbarth for his efforts to keep the rate increase below what was expected.

Commissioner Hughes inquired about the violations for DCS Products and Schultz Trucking listed in the Wastewater Monthly Operating report. Commissioner Cross asked Mr. Eisenbarth what happens if a truck fails to use the scale and Mr. Eisenbarth stated that the company is charged the maximum.

Mr. Eisenbarth mentioned that Wastewater is now running the plant for the Village of Sparta. Mr. Eisenbarth is hoping to start working with other communities and learn their systems for possible opportunities in the future.

Commissioner Hughes inquired about how the crops are doing at the Wastewater site. Mr. Eisenbarth stated that the corn is doing well and should have a record crop. Commissioner Hughes also asked Mr. Eisenbarth about the level of the lagoons. Mr. Eisenbarth stated they would be doing a lot of spraying to lower the lagoon levels.

Commissioner Nash asked Mr. Eisenbarth if it would be possible to expand the crop production. Mr. Eisenbarth stated that it is possible, but they would have to expand the irrigation. Commissioner Nash asked if it would be worth the investment and Mr. Eisenbarth stated he would have to look at the numbers and report back.

Commissioner Nash thanked Mr. Eisenbarth for working with the Port City Rocket Club. Commissioner Nash informed the Board that the last event will be on August 23, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 3p.m.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON A NEW ITEM**

Mr. Doug Hughes informed the Board that a young woman had filled out a public comment slip and she wanted to file a complaint on the Muskegon Farmers Market Master. Mr. Doug Hughes gave her his business card and advised her of the next full board meeting.

Mr. Sabo introduced Mr. Elwell the new Interim County Administrator. Mr. Elwell thanked the Board and updated them on his first day. Mr. Elwell stated he will have limited office hours, but would be available to staff and the Board when needed.

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Public Works the meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

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Terry Sabo, Chair