

Muskegon County
Board of Public Works
February 12, 2015
4:00 p.m.
Michael E. Kobza Hall of Justice
990 Terrace Street
Muskegon, MI 49442

Benjamin Cross, Chair

Marvin Engle, Vice Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Cross at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL

Present: Benjamin Cross, Muskegon County Commissioner
Susie Hughes, Muskegon County Commissioner
Jeff Lohman, Muskegon County Commissioner
Ken Mahoney, Muskegon County Commissioner
Charles Nash, Muskegon County Commissioner
Rillastine Wilkins, Muskegon County Commissioner
Kim Arter, Ex-officio Member
Jerry Bartoszek, Ex-officio Member

Excused: Marvin Engle, Muskegon County Commissioner
Brenda Moore, Drain Commissioner
Robert Scolnik, Muskegon County Commissioner

Staff

Present: Mark Eisenbarth, Muskegon County Administrator
John Warner, Public Works Director
David Johnson, Wastewater Director
Doug Hughes, Corporate Counsel
Tina Nash, DPW Departmental Clerk

BPW-15-008 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Nash, to approve the agenda amending E by changing item 6 to a motion to appoint Mr. David Johnson as Wastewater Director and move item 6 on the agenda to item 7.

VOICE VOTE:

Motion carried

BPW-15-009 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 15, 2014.

VOICE VOTE:

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AN AGENDA ITEM

Norm Swier, President of Brown's Pond Preservation Association, thanked the Board for their consideration on item E - 5. He informed the Board that the costs would be paid from the Brown's Pond maintenance fund and not from the Brown's Pond Association.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

BPW-15-010 – Authorize the Purchasing Department to seek bids for the sale of the 2015 alfalfa crop in fields 9, 11, 15, 15A, 24, 28, 32, 36 and 45.

Moved by Commissioner Lohman, seconded by Commissioner Nash, to authorize the Purchasing Department to seek for bids for the sale of our 2015 alfalfa crop in fields 9, 11, 15, 15A, 24, 28, 32, 36 and 45.

VOICE VOTE:

Motion carried

BPW-15-011 – Authorize the Purchasing Department to bid the budgeted purchase of the application of a protective coating on the walls of the C Station wet wall and manholes on site.

Moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to bid the budgeted purchase of the application of a protective coating on the walls of the C Station wet well and manholes on site.

VOICE VOTE:

Motion carried

BPW-15-012 – Recommend the Public Works Board not pursue diverting a portion of the Muskegon River discharge to Mosquito Creek.

Moved by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Nash, to recommend the Public Works Board not pursue diverting a portion of the Muskegon River discharge to Mosquito Creek.

Commissioner Hughes asked David Johnson if the permit could be modified. Dave Johnson stated a permit could be modified during a permit cycle at a cost.

VOICE VOTE:

Motion carried

BPW-15-013 – Approve the termination of the Sanitary Sewer Agreement between Bayer Crop Science LP and fortu PowerCell Inc. and authorize the Chair to execute the termination document.

Moved by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to approve the TERMINATION OF SANITARY SEWER AGREEMENT between Bayer Crop Science LP of 2 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 and fortu PowerCell Inc., of 1740 Whitehall Road, Muskegon MI 49445 and Muskegon County and authorize the Chair to execute the termination document.

VOICE VOTE:

Motion carried

BPW-15-014 – Authorize staff to solicit proposals from qualified engineering firms to perform a lake level study on Brown’s Pond in Blue Lake Township with costs being paid by the Brown’s Pond Association and the associated lake level assessment district.

Moved by Commissioner Lohman, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to authorize staff to solicit proposals from qualified engineering firms to perform a lake level study on Brown’s Pond in Blue Lake Township with costs being paid by the Brown’s Pond Association and the associated lake level assessment district.

BPW-15-015 – Friendly Amendment to BPW-15-0014

Moved by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Hughes, to change the Brown’s Pond Association to the Brown’s Pond maintenance fund.

VOICE VOTE:

Motion carried

Voice vote on BPW-15-0014 as amended.

VOICE VOTE:

Motion carried

BPW-15-016 – Appoint Mr. David Johnson (DJ) as the Wastewater Director (Y32401), at salary grade range ND-00030 Step 4 effective upon Muskegon County Full Board approval.

Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Lohman, to appoint Mr. David Johnson (DJ) as the Wastewater Director (Y32401), at salary grade range ND-00030 step 4 effective upon Muskegon County Full Board Approval.

VOICE VOTE:

Motion carried

Commissioner Cross thanked Kim Arter and Jerry Bartoszek for sitting in on the interviews and their help with the selection of the Wastewater Director.

BPW-15-017 - Informational Items:

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

1. Public Works Monthly Operations Report, January 2015.
2. Wastewater Monthly Operating Report, January 2015.
3. Muskegon County Regional Water Policy Board Minutes, January 2015 (draft).

VOICE VOTE:

Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Hughes spoke on the discharge into Mosquito Creek. Commissioner Hughes stated she was a member of the Lake Effect Chapter of Michigan Duck Hunters and they run a managed hunt at the Wastewater each year. There are three projects that they work on each year and one of those projects is the Mosquito Creek marsh project. Commissioner Hughes stated they are hoping to increase the habitat in that area and this will depend on increasing the flow into Mosquito Creek. Another project being worked on is to increase the managed waterfowl hunt. Commissioner Hughes stated the water flow at the Wastewater has greatly decreased affecting the waterfowl and the rotation of crops. Commissioner Hughes stated they are looking to work with the Wastewater Director or the Farm Manager and the DNR on some other options when harvesting some of the corn so there is some left for the ducks.

Commissioner Lohman asked Commissioner Hughes if she knew the number of duck hunters who participate in the managed hunt. Commissioner Hughes stated they have maintained a manage hunt at the Wastewater for 37 seasons, but the number of hunters has significantly decreased over the last few years.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON A NEW ITEM

Dave Johnson thanked the Board for their support.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board of Public Works the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Benjamin Cross, Chair