

Muskegon County
Board of Public Works
June 11, 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
Marvin Engle, Muskegon County Commissioner
Susie Hughes, Muskegon County Commissioner
Jeff Lohman, Muskegon County Commissioner
Ken Mahoney, Muskegon County Commissioner
Brenda Moore, Drain Commissioner
Charles Nash, Muskegon County Commissioner
Robert Scolnik, Muskegon County Commissioner
Rillastine Wilkins, Muskegon County Commissioner
Kim Arter, Ex-officio Member
Jerry Bartoszek, Ex-officio Member

Excused:

Staff

Present: Mark Eisenbarth, Muskegon County Administrator
Terry Sabo, Muskegon County Board of Commissioners Chair
Beth Dick, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director
Greg Leverage, Solid Waste Supervisor
David Johnson, Wastewater Director
Doug Hughes, Corporate Counsel
Tina Nash, DPW Departmental Clerk
Jonathon Wilson, Economic Development Coordinator

BPW-15-055 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Lohman, to approve the agenda amending E by removing item 3 a motion to purchase a Vermeer chipper from the agenda.

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried**

BPW-15-056 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works meeting held on May 14, 2015.

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AN AGENDA ITEM

None

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

BPW-15-057 – Approval to quote the disposal of Wilbrandt Farm's soil material

Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to approve a disposal cost at the Muskegon County Solid Waste Management System of \$8.00 per ton for the first 50,000 tons and \$12.00 per ton for the remaining tonnage, estimated at 130,000 tons (a total of 180,000 tons) for the Wilbrandt Farms remediation project as the material is considered to be usable and beneficial to the Solid Waste Operation.

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried**

BPW-15-058 – Authorization to quote disposal rates for projects

Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to authorize the Director of Public Works to quote disposal rates for projects generating significant quantities of soil, sediment or sludge materials which would be beneficial for Solid Waste operations with the quoted prices being between that of foundry sand (currently \$2.50/ton) and other soils (currently \$12.00/ton) with a report being made to the Public Works Board of each quote given.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO BPW-15-058 – The Director of Public Works is to get authorization from the County Administrator for quoted disposal rates for projects.

Voice vote on BPW-15-058 as amended.

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried**

BPW-15-059 – Award Keating Pump Station Generator

Moved by Commissioner Engle, seconded by Commissioner Lohman, to award the bid for the purchase and installation of a permanent natural gas generator (minus the SCADA programming) at Keating Station to DVT Electric for a total cost of \$75,865.00

Roll call:

Yes –Mahoney, Moore, Nash, Scolnik, Wilkins, Engle, Hughes, Lohman, Cross

No – None

Motion carried

BPW-15-060 – Approve Contract with Port City Model Aviation Club

Moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Lohman, to approve the attached contract with Port City Model Aviation Club (PCMAC) to use the designated area for their club activities and authorize the Public Works Board Chair to sign the contract.

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried**

BPW-15-061 – Approval to bid Sludge Removal

Moved by Commissioner Engle, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, to authorize the Purchasing Department to advertise for bids to have the sludge removed from Cell #3 of the Wastewater Facility and transferred to the plant's drying beds.

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried**

BPW-15-063 – Reorganization of Wastewater Maintenance Department

Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to approve the reorganization of the Wastewater's Fleet Maintenance and Ops Maintenance departments by uniting both departments under a single supervisor as recommended by the Wastewater Director.

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried**

BPW-15-064 – Reorganization of Wastewater Laboratory

Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve the reorganization of the Wastewater Laboratory Department as recommended by the Wastewater Director.

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried**

BPW-15-065 - Informational Items:

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

1. Public Works Monthly Operations Report, May 2015.
2. Wastewater Monthly Operating Report, May 2015.

Commissioner Hughes requested that Greg Leverence submit to the Board the results of the waste sort research program when available.

Commissioner Mahoney asked Greg Leverence about the drop in Public Works energy proceeds concerning the landfill gas. Greg Leverence stated it is due to the drop in the market rates for natural gas.

Discussion ensued regarding plastic shopping bags. Doug Hughes stated he would have more information available in the next several weeks.

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried**

OLD BUSINESS

Mark Eisenbarth stated that Gamesa has requested to forgo the payments owed and Corporate Counsel has sent a response requesting payments be made. Mark Eisenbarth is waiting for Gamesa to send an official request to terminate the contract before he is able to explore other options.

NEW BUSINESS

Mark Eisenbarth reminded the Board of the Discover the Vision Muskegon Lake 2020 forum today at 4:30 p.m. at the GVSU MAREC. Additional forums will be on 6/23/15 and 6/24/15 at 4:30 p.m. at the GVSU MAREC.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON A NEW ITEM

None

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board of Public Works the meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Benjamin Cross, Chair