

Muskegon County
Board of Public Works
December 10, 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
Beth Dick, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director
Terry J. Sabo, Chairman Board of Commissioners
John K. Warner, Public Works Director
David Johnson, Wastewater Director
Doug Hughes, Corporate Counsel
Tina Nash, DPW Departmental Clerk
Jonathan Wilson, Economic Development Coordinator
Sara Damm, Sustainability Coordinator

BPW-15-120 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried**

BPW-15-121 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works meeting held on November 12, 2015.

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AN AGENDA ITEM

Marc Daneman from AT&T introduced himself and informed the Board he was there to answer any question they may have regarding the First Amendment to Structure Lease Agreement.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

BPW-15-122 Purchase of Vermeer Chipper

Moved by Commissioner Engle, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to approve Solid Waste to purchase the Vermeer Chipper from Drain Commission for a cost of \$17,250 with costs being paid from Solid Waste fund 5710-0526.

Roll call:

Yes - Mahoney, Nash, Scolnik, Wilkins, Engle, Hughes, Lohman, Cross

No – None

Abstain - Moore

Motion carried

BPW-15-123 Approve the First Amendment To Structure Lease Agreement

Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve the First Amendment To Structure Lease Agreement between AT&T Mobility Corporation, dba New Cingular Wireless and authorize the Chair to execute the document and further authorize staff to make a refund payment to AT&T in the approximate amount of \$190,188 for rental overpayments.

Roll call:

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

No – None

Motion carried

BPW-15-124 Approve Time Change for the January 14, 2016 Public Works Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Engle, seconded by Commissioner Lohman, to approve the time change of the Public Works Board meeting of January 14, 2016 to 3:00PM.

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried**

BPW-15-125 Award Irrigation Pump Station No. 3 MCC Improvements

Moved by Commissioner Engle, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, to award the bid for the Irrigation Pump Station No. 3 MCC Improvements to DVT Electric for a total cost of \$443,500.00.

Roll call:

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

No – None

Motion carried

BPW-15-126 Approve Purchase of Truck

Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to authorize the Wastewater Department to purchase the 2016 Ford F350 with Reading service body and Warn winch from Signature Ford for \$51,104.00 using the MiDEAL discount.

Roll call:

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

No – None

Motion carried

BPW-15-127 Informational Items:

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

1. Public Works Monthly Operations Report, November 2015.
2. Wastewater Monthly Operating Report, November 2015.
3. Muskegon County Regional Water Policy Board Minutes, November 2015 (draft)
4. Muskegon Municipal Wastewater Management Committee Minutes, October 2015 (draft)
5. Muskegon Municipal Wastewater Management Committee Minutes, November 2015 (draft)

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried**

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Hughes asked John Warner when the Heritage Landing project would start. John Warner stated that the machine to roll the steel went down and needed to be repaired causing a delay in the project. John Warner stated the steel should be rolled this week and he hoped the project would start the following week.

Commissioner Scolnik asked Dave Johnson about the truck being purchased for Wastewater and if it was gas or diesel. Dave Johnson stated he would find out and report back.

Commissioner Nash asked Dave Johnson how the new Farm Manager was doing. Dave Johnson stated that he was doing amazingly well and suggested that they come out and meet him. Commissioner Hughes stated she has worked with him and is also very impressed.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Lohman informed the Board he attended a Stakeholders meeting on how to implement a recycling program countywide. Commissioner Lohman noted that he reviewed the County's 2013 Sustainability Plan and the target for renewable energy to power Muskegon County / governments / businesses and how he would like this Board to give the okay for staff to look into it. Commissioner Lohman thought this would be a good way to reduce cost. Commissioner Lohman stated some municipalities are going off the grid and generating their own power. Drain Commissioner Moore agreed and mentioned some smaller municipalities that are creating their own power and how some of them are selling it back to the grid. Commissioner Lohman stated he would like to see the Solid Waste Planning Committee be involved in moving the recycling program forward.

Commissioner Hughes mentioned that the ANR featured the Muskegon County Wastewater System in one of their articles this month.

Commissioner Hughes stated that we may want to check with Republic as to why the recycling center they run isn't utilized more. Commissioner Lohman stated that there are many members involved in the Stakeholders group. Republic is one of those members. Commissioner Lohman stated that Muskegon County, as a whole, doesn't recycle.

Drain Commissioner Moore asked if the County has safety courses/drills for employees.

Drain Commissioner Moore informed the Board that the Drain Commissioners Association is encouraging them to change their titles to Water Resources Commissioners. Drain Commissioner Moore would like to do this and stated it does not change any laws or what they do, it would be naming the office more in line with the services they provide. Drain Commissioner Moore asked that the Commissioners consider this request.

Commissioner Hughes asked Mark Eisenbarth to inform the Board on some of the things they are doing for safety preparedness. Mark Eisenbarth stated that HealthWest employees were offered a session on this topic and this will also be offered to County employees. Mark Eisenbarth stated that the purpose of these sessions is to discuss workplace safety.

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 4:22 p.m.

Benjamin Cross, Chair