

Muskegon County  
Board of Public Works  
February 11, 2016  
4:00 p.m.  
Michael E. Kobza Hall of Justice  
990 Terrace Street  
Muskegon, MI 49442

Benjamin Cross, Chair

Marvin Engle, Vice Chair

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MINUTES

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair 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  
Charles Nash, Muskegon County Commissioner  
Rillastine Wilkins, Muskegon County Commissioner  
Kim Arter, Ex-officio Member  
Jerry Bartoszek, Ex-officio Member

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

Staff

Present: Mark Eisenbarth, Muskegon County Administrator  
Beth Dick, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director  
Doug Hughes, Corporate Counsel  
John Warner, Public Works Director  
David Johnson, Wastewater Director  
Tina Nash, DPW Departmental Clerk  
Terry Sabo, Muskegon County Board of Commissioners Chair  
Jonathon Wilson, Economic Development Coordinator  
Sara Damm, Sustainability Coordinator

**BPW-16-016 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried**

**BPW-16-017 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works meeting held on January 14, 2016.

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AN AGENDA ITEM**

None

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**BPW-16-018 Solicit Proposals from Consultants to Perform a Recycling Study**

Moved by Commissioner Lohman, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to authorize staff to solicit qualifications/proposals from experienced consultants to perform a recycling study with recommendations for the establishment of a Muskegon County recycling program with costs being paid from the Solid Waste fund 5710-0526.

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried**

**BPW-16-019 Approve Time Change for the March 10, 2016 Public Works Meeting**

Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the time change of the Public Works Board meeting of March 10, 2016 to 3:00PM.

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried**

**BPW-16-020 Award Pump Station C Rehab – RFB 16-2207**

Moved by Commissioner Engle, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to accept the bid from Advanced Rehabilitation Technology to apply an epoxy coating to the C Station wet well and manholes for a total of \$859,800.

Roll call:

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

No – None

Excused – Moore, Scolnik

**Motion carried**

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried**

**BPW-16-021 Change Custodian Labor Distribution**

Moved by Commissioner Engle, seconded by Commissioner Nash, to change the labor distribution of the Custodian / WW, Position No. W07506, from 100% Wastewater to 85% Wastewater (5920-5060) and 15% Solid Waste (5710-0526).

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried**

**BPW-16-022 Informational Items:**

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

1. Public Works Monthly Operations Report, January 2016.
2. Wastewater Monthly Operating Report, January 2016.
3. Muskegon County Regional Water Policy Board Minutes, January 2016 (draft)

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried**

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Lohman stated he was glad the Board passed the proposal for the recycling study. Commissioner Lohman expressed his concerns with the amount the County pays to DTE and Consumers. Commissioner Lohman asked the Board to begin talks to have the Sustainability Coordinator begin putting together ideas for the County to get off the grid or to see what can be done to reduce those costs.

**BPW-16-023** Moved by Commissioner Lohman, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney to have the Sustainability Coordinator look at viable options to go off the grid and use sustainable energy.

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON A NEW ITEM**

Jonathon Wilson provided an update to the Board regarding attracting a Data Center out at Wastewater. Jonathon Wilson along with the stakeholders are in the final stages of putting together a request for development proposals. Jonathon Wilson stated there has been some interest by operators out of California and the West Coast and he wants be sure the opportunity is also known to operators in the Midwest. Jonathon Wilson stated he hopes the proposal will be released within the next week. The proposal will be available on Wastewater's website and also the County's website.

Commissioner Nash asked Jonathon Wilson if the Promise grant helps out with this. Jonathon Wilson stated that the Promise grants helps out the quality of life and attracting residents to the area. Jonathon Wilson stated they are also working with MCC and area colleges to align their certificates to educational opportunities with the technical jobs that may be created.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON A NEW ITEM CONTINUED**

Commissioner Hughes thanked the Sheriff and the officers for the work they did this week in Muskegon Heights.

Chairman Sabo reminded the Board that the County Clerk had dropped off the County Directories.

Chairman Sabo also asked the Board to support Anna VanGuilder, a County employee, who will be donating her bone marrow to her sister. Chairman Sabo stated there will be a benefit coming up and encourage those who could to participate. (Attached)

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Public Works the meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

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Benjamin E. Cross, Chair