

MINUTES

Muskegon County Regional Water System Policy Board
Michael E. Kobza Hall of Justice
Muskegon, Michigan
March 13, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Kim Arter at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL

Present: Kim Arter, Laketon Township Supervisor, Water System Policy Board Chair
Chris Hall, Dalton Township Supervisor
David Kieft, Muskegon Charter Township Supervisor
Kenneth Mahoney, Muskegon County Board Chair

Excused: Susie Hughes, Muskegon County Commissioner
Sam St. Amour, Fruitland Township Supervisor
Terry Sabo, Muskegon County Commissioner

Staff

Present: John Warner, Public Works Director
Kenneth Mahoney, Muskegon County Board of Commissioner Chair
Tina Nash, DPW Departmental Clerk

Others

Present: David Bossenbroek, Attorney
Rod Siegel, Laketon Township Building Inspector

WSPB-14-019 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by David Kieft, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried

WSPB-14-020 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by David Kieft, seconded by Chris Hall, to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 11, 2014.

Motion carried

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WSPB-14-021 – AWARD CRESTON STREET WATERMAIN BID

Moved by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Chris Hall, to award the Creston Street Watermain (RFB 14-2113) to West Michigan Dirtworks for their low bid of \$71,285.71 with all costs being paid from the Water System fund 5910-0552.

Roll call: Ayes – Hall, Kieft, Mahoney, Arter

Nays – None

Motion carried

WSPB-14-022 – HYDRANT MAINTENANCE FEE

Moved by Chris Hall, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to replace the name “Hydrant Maintenance Fee” with the name “System Maintenance Fee” for the annual fees charged to the townships for the Regional Water System.

Discussion Followed.

Motion carried

WSPB-14-023 –DISCUSSION ITEMS

Moved by David Kieft, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to recommend to the County Board of Public Works that we do not reduce the connection fee to previously connected businesses.

Motion carried

WSPB-14-024 –INFORMATION ITEMS

Moved by David Kieft, seconded by Chris Hall, that the following information items be received and placed on file:

1. New Meter Set List for February 2014.
2. Local Fund Balance Sheet for February2014.

Motion carried

WSPB-14-025 – REPORTS

1. Financial Committee Report (Chris Hall)

Chris Hall had nothing new to report.

2. Water System Update

The Water System Update was accepted as written by John Warner and distributed in a memo for information.

WSPB-14-026 – OLD BUSINESS

David Kieft discussed the Hydrant Maintenance Fee.

WSPB-14-027 – NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

WSPB-14-028 – AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Roger Jourden of Duck Creek RV thanked the Board and as he moves forward he will talk to the individual townships to try to make what appears to him to be an unfair situation correct.

Jeff Dougherty from Rays Mini Mart stated the water has been a blessing to his business. They had bad water, however his family suffered during construction and that financing shouldn't be extended to new businesses and if they are, it should be at the old rate.

Frank DeLong representing two entities, Fifth Reformed Church of Dalton Township and Christian Care of Muskegon Township, spoke of the extreme cost for hooking up and to the fairness of it. He asked the Board to reconsider.

WSPB-14-029 – ADJOURN

Moved by David Kieft, seconded by Chris Hall, to adjourn the meeting at 1:20pm.

Motion carried

Kim Arter, Chair