

Muskegon County
Water System Policy Board
March 17, 2015
2:00 p.m.
Training Center
133 E. Apple Avenue, Room 205
Muskegon, Michigan 49442

Kim Arter, Chair

Susie Hughes, Vice Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Arter at 2:00 p.m.

ROLL

Present: Kim Arter, Laketon Township Supervisor
Jerry McIntyre, Dalton Township Supervisor
Susie Hughes, Muskegon County Commissioner
David Kieft, Muskegon Charter Township Supervisor
Kenneth Mahoney, Muskegon County Commissioner
Sam St. Amour, Fruitland Township Supervisor

Excused: Terry J. Sabo, Muskegon County Board Chair [arrived at 2:04 p.m.]

Staff

Present: Mark Eisenbarth, Administrator
John Warner, Public Works Director
Tina Nash, DPW Departmental Clerk

Others

Present: David Bossenbroek, Attorney
Jan L. Deur, Fruitland Township Trustee
Jerry Sanders, Muskegon Charter Township DPW Director
Jeffrey Wood, Muskegon Charter Township Treasurer
Matthew C. VanHoef, Attorney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

WSPB-15-010 Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Sam St. Amour, to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice Vote: **Motion carried**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WSPB-15-011 Moved by Sam St. Amour, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 13, 2015.

Voice Vote: **Motion carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT (on an agenda item)

Mark Eisenbarth presented the Board with information regarding Facilitative Mediation and explained the process.

Discussion followed.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Muskegon Township System Maintenance Fee Proposal

WSPB-15-012 Moved by Sam St. Amour, seconded by Commissioner Sabo, to reject Muskegon Charter Township's request to put the maintenance fee into effect.

Roll call:

Yes – Mahoney, McIntyre, St. Amour, Sabo, Hughes, Arter

No – Kieft

Motion carried

Obtain Legal Counsel

WSPB-15-013 Moved by Sam St. Amour, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to authorize the Chair to work with Dave Bossenbroek to seek potential legal counsel for any action going forth.

Roll call:

Yes – Sabo, Mahoney, McIntyre, St. Amour, Arter

No – Hughes, Kieft

Motion carried

Muskegon Township's Request for Payment of Invoices

WSPB-15-014 Moved by Commissioner Sabo, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to table Muskegon Township's request for payment of invoices until the next meeting.

Voice Vote: **Motion carried**

INFORMATION ITEMS

WSPB-15-015 Moved by Commissioner Sabo, seconded by Jerry McIntyre, that the following information items be received and placed on file:

1. New Meter Set List for February 2015
2. Local Fund Balance Sheet for February 2015

Voice Vote: **Motion carried**

REPORTS

Water System Update

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

John Warner also informed the Board of the water leak at Duck Creek RV Resort.

Dave Kieft asked John Warner how many gallons are used when they flush the Whitehall line. John Warner stated it typically is around one million gallons to flush the tank and three miles of water line. Dave Kieft asked how many times a year this is done. John Warner stated it depends on the chlorine level, but typically about four times a year.

Commissioner Hughes asked John Warner if he has tried the robot from the Sheriff's department to inspect the tanks. John Warner stated he has not.

Dave Kieft asked John Warner who pays for the Whitehall Road line to be flushed. John Warner stated the System pays for it as an operational cost.

Commissioner Hughes asked John Warner is there were any major freeze ups this year. John Warner stated other than the hydrants they have not.

OLD BUSINESS

Regarding motion WSPB-15-013, Commissioner Sabo requested that the Chair bring back more than one attorney that the Board may select from.

NEW BUSINESS

None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Water System Policy Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.