

Muskegon County
Water System Policy Board
February 9, 2016
2:00 p.m.
Training Center
97 E. Apple Avenue, Room 119
Muskegon, Michigan 49442

Jerry McIntyre, Chair

Susie Hughes, Vice Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL

Present: Kim Arter, Laketon Township Supervisor
Susie Hughes, Muskegon County Commissioner
David Kieft, Muskegon Charter Township Supervisor
Kenneth Mahoney, Muskegon County Commissioner
Jerry McIntyre, Dalton Township Supervisor
Terry Sabo, Muskegon County Board Chair
Jan L. Deur, Fruitland Township Trustee

Excused:

Staff

Present: John Warner, Public Works Director
Tina Nash, DPW Departmental Clerk
Carly Hines, DPW Administrative Analyst

Others

Present: David Bossenbroek, Attorney
Jeff Lohman, Muskegon County Commissioner
Jerry Sanders, Muskegon Charter Township DPW Director

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

WSPB-16-007 Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Jan Deur, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WSPB-16-008 Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 15, 2016.

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT (on an agenda item)

None

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. New Meter Set List for January 2016
2. Local Fund Balance Sheet for January 2016

Accepted as presented

REPORTS

Water System Update

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

Discussion ensued regarding sampling of the water system. John Warner explained the different types of sampling required, how often the various types of sampling are conducted, how water sampling sites are selected and the processing of getting those sampling sites approved by the MDEQ and what are considered acceptable levels regarding the various types of sampling completed on the water system. Jan Deur asked specifically about lead testing. John Warner stated lead sampling is conducted every three (3) years and our next test will be due June 2017. John Warner stated that the water system levels are well within the allowable limits. John Warner stated we are allowed 15 parts per billion for lead. The Eastside Water System was at eight (8) parts and the Northside Water System was at zero (0) parts. John Warner thanked the City of Muskegon for doing a good job at treating the water.

Kim Arter asked John Warner if he has received a lot of calls regarding the lead levels in the water system. John Warner stated he checked with staff and not one call has been received.

Commissioner Hughes asked John Warner if there is rust in the water does that mean lead is also in the water. John Warner stated it does not.

Commissioner Mahoney stated that Montague has received only five (5) calls.

Water System Update Continued

Commissioner Sabo asked John Warner if the City of Muskegon tests at the same time as we test and also if the result of our testing is a good sign for the whole system, including the City. John Warner stated all the municipalities connected to the City of Muskegon Water Plant are sampled at the same time or within a few days of each other. John Warner stated that the whole system receiving water from the City of Muskegon is in good shape. Jerry Sanders mentioned that the MDEQ requires sampling sites that encompass the entire system. John Warner explained that the MDEQ approves each sampling site.

OLD BUSINESS

Dewitt Damage Claim Update

John Warner informed the Board that Mr. Ed DeWitt could not attend today's meeting. John Warner updated the Board on the information they requested from December's meeting. The first being the agreement with the City of Muskegon and its reference to damages. John Warner explained that the agreement is silent when it comes to liability. The second request was for a breakdown of the work completed by the City of Muskegon. John Warner stated he located the report; however it provided very little information. The work order listed the time the crew was on site and parts used for the repair. All work was completed by the City of Muskegon.

Commissioner Hughes questioned a payment to the City of Muskegon. John Warner stated it was for the purchase of water.

Discussion continued regarding the Dewitt damage claim. John Warner explained that when a water main breaks the main is shut off and the water is pumped out of the main to complete the repair. John Warner stated that Mr. Ed Dewitt lives in an area with a high water table and when the water was pumped from the pipe that may have caused the water table to rise; however John Warner was not sure how water entered the basement of Mr. Dewitt.

Jan Deur asked John Warner about the testing of the generators. John Warner stated the generators are exercised weekly and run for twenty (20) minutes at a time. A load test is completed once a year.

NEW BUSINESS

None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Water System Policy Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Jerry McIntyre, Chair