

Muskegon County
Water System Policy Board
February 15, 2017
2:00 p.m.
Muskegon Water Filtration Plant
1900 Beach Street
Muskegon, MI 49441

Kim Arter, Chair

David Kieft, 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
Tony Barnes, Dalton Township Supervisor
Melissa Beegle, Fruitland Township Treasurer
Susie Hughes, Muskegon County Commissioner
David Kieft, Muskegon Charter Township Supervisor
Kenneth Mahoney, Muskegon County Commissioner
I. John Snider II, Muskegon County Commissioner

Excused:

Staff

Present: Matt Farrar, Public Works Director
Steve Fink, Public Works Project Manager
Tina Nash, DPW Departmental Clerk
Carly Hines, DPW Administrative Analyst
David Bossenbroek, Attorney
Mark Eisenbarth, Muskegon County Administrator
Doug Hughes, Corporate Counsel for Muskegon County
Anita Peters, Water Department Account Clerk
Sara Damm, Sustainability Coordinator

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

WSPB-17-013 Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Tony Barnes, to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice Vote: **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WSPB-17-014 Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Tony Barnes, to approve the minutes of the Muskegon County Regional Water Policy Board meeting held on January 17, 2017.

Voice Vote: **Motion Carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT (on an agenda item)

Matt Farrar introduced Ernie Sarkipato from the DEQ-Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance. Mr. Sarkipato updated the Board on the following topics:

- Drinking water program summary
- Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance Division and the changes they are going through,
- Proposed Michigan lead, copper, corrosion control regulations
- Asset Management Program

(See attached)

INFORMATION ITEMS

WSPB-17-015 Moved by David Kieft, seconded by Tony Barnes, that the following information items be received and placed on file:

1. Local Fund Balance Sheet for January 2017

Voice Vote: **Motion Carried**

REPORTS

Water System Update

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

OLD BUSINESS

Rose & Rose Invoices

WSPB-17-016 Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Melissa Beegle, to take from table to continue discussion.

Voice Vote: **Motion Carried**

Discussion ensued regarding the invoices and what the billed items pertained to.

WSPB-17-017 Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by David Kieft, to hold the invoices until it is determined if the invoices are for the previous lawsuit and the reconsideration and not for anything passed that.

Roll call:

Yes –Mahoney, Kieft, Barnes, Hughes

No – Snider, Beegle, Arter

Motion carried

Based on the motion, staff was directed to research the invoices and report back to the Board. Matt Farrar stated staff will get that information.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Eisenbarth stated they had the opportunity to meet with Laketon Township, Muskegon Charter Township, Dalton Township and Fruitland Township. Administrator Eisenbarth stated he put together a memorandum that summarizes what was discussed at each meeting. The memorandum has three scenarios (see attached). Administrator Eisenbarth spoke about the Rate Study which will look at a new rate structure. Administrator Eisenbarth stated the lawsuit is slowing down some projects. Administrator Eisenbarth stated he has seen a positive outlook from the Townships and believes the lawsuit could be settled. The Board was informed the Rate Study would take about 3 months from the time of award. The Board was encouraged to review the scenarios.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jan Duer informed the Board he was no longer a Trustee for Fruitland Township. He thanked the Board and wished them well.

Jeff Wood addressed Marcia Jeske and stated Muskegon Charter Township has never signed a contract to pay a hydrant fee.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Water System Policy Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Kim Arter, Chair