

Muskegon County
Board of Public Works
January 10, 2019
4:00p.m.
Michael E. Kobza Hall of Justice
990 Terrace Street
Muskegon, MI 49442

Gary Foster, Chair

Rillastine R. Wilkins, Vice Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hughes at 4:00p.m.

ROLL

Present: Gary Foster, Muskegon County Commissioner
Susie Hughes, Muskegon County Commissioner
Zach Lahring, Muskegon County Commissioner
Ken Mahoney, Muskegon County Commissioner
Brenda Moore, Drain Commissioner
Charles Nash, Muskegon County Commissioner
Robert Scolnik, Muskegon County Commissioner
I. John Snider II, Muskegon County Commissioner
Rillastine Wilkins, Muskegon County Commissioner
LeighAnn Mikesell, Ex-officio Member

Excused: Jennifer Hernandez, Ex-officio Member

Staff

Present: Matthew Farrar, Public Works Director
Tina Nash, Public Works Coordinator
Doug Hughes, Corporate Counsel
Mark Eisenbarth, County Administrator
Beth Dick, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair Hughes opened nominations for Chair of the Muskegon County Board of Public Works.

Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Lahring, to nominate Commissioner Foster for Chair.

There were no other nominations for Chair.

Chair Hughes closed the nominations.

BPW-19-001 Moved by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Nash, to cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Foster as Chair.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried

Commissioner Foster was elected by unanimous vote as Chair of the Muskegon County Board of Public Works.

Commissioner Foster assumed the Chair.

Chair Foster presiding.

Chair Foster opened nominations for Vice Chair of the Muskegon County Board of Public Works.

Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Foster, to nominate Commissioner Wilkins for Vice Chair.

There were no other nominations for Vice Chair.

BPW-19-002 Moved by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Wilkins as Vice Chair.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried

Commissioner Wilkins was elected by unanimous vote as Vice Chair of the Muskegon County Board of Public Works.

Commissioner Wilkins assumed the position as Vice Chair.

Chair Foster opened nominations for Secretary of the Muskegon County Board of Public Works.

Moved by Commissioner Hughes to nominate Drain Commissioner Moore for Secretary.

There were no other nominations for Secretary.

BPW-18-003 Elect Drain Commissioner Moore as Secretary of the Muskegon County Board of Public Works.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried

Drain Commissioner Moore was elected by unanimous vote as Secretary of the Muskegon County Board of Public Works.

Drain Commissioner Moore assumed the position as Secretary.

Chair Foster opened nominations for Deputy Secretary of the Muskegon County Board of Public Works.

Moved by Commissioner Hughes to nominate Matthew Farrar for Deputy Secretary.

There were no other nominations for Deputy Secretary.

BPW-19-004 Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Drain Commissioner Moore, to elect Matthew Farrar for Deputy Secretary to the Muskegon County Board of Public Works.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried

Matthew Farrar was elected by unanimous vote as Deputy Secretary of the Muskegon County Board of Public Works.

Matthew Farrar assumed the position as Deputy Secretary.

BPW-19-005 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried

BPW-19-006 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works meeting held on December 13, 2018.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AN AGENDA ITEM

None

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

BPW-19-007 Board of Public Works Meeting Time

Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, to set the 2019 meeting times for the Board of Public Works to 3:30 p.m.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried

BPW-19-008 Submit Application for the Community Foundation Spring Competitive Grant

Moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to authorize the Department of Public Works to submit an application for the Community Foundation Spring Competitive Grant due February 28, 2019.

Matthew Farrar explained the Solid Waste Planning Committee has been working towards education for recycling and would like to apply for the grant to help fund recycling education.

Commissioner Scolnik asked about tours of the Wastewater System. Matthew Farrar stated Steve Barnard, Wastewater Safety & Technical Coordinator, can be contacted for tours. Matthew Farrar stated he knows groups from schools have done tours. There was discussion if there should be a fee to tour the site. Administrator Eisenbarth will have Dave Johnson look into it.

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried**

BPW-19-009 Sale of Wastewater Assets

Moved by Commissioner Snider, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to authorize the sale of Wastewater assets listed above following the County's Surplus Disposal Policy & Procedure.

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried**

BPW-19-010 Approve Change Order No. 2 of the Grain Center Renovation Contract

Moved by Commissioner Snider, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to support the decision of the Wastewater Director to make field changes which improved the safety of Wastewater employees working at the renovated grain center and which resulted in an increased contract price of \$9,346.50 for the Grain Center Renovation Contract with R.W. Mercer Company, from \$970,557.89, and authorize the Board Chair to sign the change order.

Roll call:

Yes - Lahring, Mahoney, Moore, Nash, Scolnik, Snider, Wilkins, Foster, Hughes

No –

Motion carried

BPW-19-011 Informational Items:

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

1. Public Works Monthly Operations Report, December 2018.
2. Wastewater Monthly Operating Report, December 2018.
3. Muskegon County Regional Water Policy Board Minutes, December 2018(draft).

Drain Commissioner Moore asked if we had the results from the PFAS tests at the airport. Doug Hughes stated the County has been testing wells near the airport. Doug Hughes stated of the 64 wells tested there were only about 5 that exceeded the limit of 70 ppt. Administrator Eisenbarth stated Bob Lukens is working on scheduling a public hearing in February. The findings will be presented at the public hearing. Doug Hughes stated we are in the process of soliciting bids for an engineer consultant. Commissioner Mahoney stated the houses that tested over the 70 ppt were provided water. Administrator Eisenbarth stated Muskegon County Public Health is in charge of the data.

Commissioner Snider asked if there were PFAS tests at the Wastewater. Administrator Eisenbarth stated tests were conducted on the discharge. The State of Michigan requested more investigation be done to find out where the PFAS is coming from. Commissioner Snider asked if this is an ongoing process to find the source. Administrator Eisenbarth state it was.

Commissioner Wilkins asked if the materials containing PFAS will continue to be used at the airport during training. Administrator Eisenbarth stated they are coming up with alternatives.

Drain Commissioner Moore stated this is good news compared to other communities.

Commissioner Hughes addressed Commissioner Snider's question and stated Wastewater staff is aware of the companies discharging PFAS related discharge and are working with those companies to cleanup what they are sending to the Wastewater.

Commissioner Nash asked if representatives from our Congress have been contacted for their support being these are federal requirements. Administrator Eisenbarth stated those discussions have begun.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Foster asked Drain Commissioner Moore for an update on Kuis Drain. Drain Commission Moore stated she would be requesting to be placed on the Full Board agenda to give an update on several of the drains. Drain Commissioner Moore stated the subdivision work is complete. There are three discharge points from the stormwater system giving a lot of water to the Kuis Drain. A walk through will be done in the spring. The second contractor is still digging in the main drain and is about 70% done. Most of the work is now by Hazekamp Meats. Drain Commissioner Moore stated she is considering a spring tour so people can view the work that was completed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON A NEW ITEM

None

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board of Public Works the meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Gary Foster, Chair