

Muskegon County
Board of Public Works
May 2, 2019
3:30p.m.
Michael E. Kobza Hall of Justice
990 Terrace Street
Muskegon, MI 49442

Gary Foster, Chair

Rillastine Wilkins, Vice Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Foster at 4:07p.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
Rillastine Wilkins, Muskegon County Commissioner
Leo Evans, Ex-officio Member
Jennifer Hernandez, Ex-officio Member

Excused: I. John Snider II, Muskegon County Commissioner

Staff

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

BPW-19-051 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried**

BPW-19-052 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works meeting held on April 11, 2019.

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AN AGENDA ITEM

Leo Evans, City of Muskegon Public Works Director, introduced himself to the board members.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

BPW-19-053 Authorize Engineering Services for the South Irrigation Pump Station

Moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to authorize Prein&Newhof to provide engineering services for the renovation of the Wastewater's South Irrigation pump station at a cost not to exceed \$230,000.00.

Roll call:

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

No –

Excused – Snider

Motion carried

BPW-19-054 Authorize Purchase of a John Deere 2730 Combination Ripper through MiDeal

Moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to authorize the Wastewater Department to purchase a John Deere 2730 Combination Ripper through the MiDeal Extended Purchasing Program along with trade-in of a John Deere 714 chisel plow and a John Deere 2210 field cultivator, for a net total of \$42,823.20.

Roll call:

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

No –

Excused – Snider

Motion carried

BPW-19-055 Approve Payment for Repairs to Caterpillar 375L Excavator

Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the payment of the Michigan CAT invoice of \$64,668.82 for the repair of the Wastewater Department's Caterpillar 375L Excavator.

Dave Johnson stated the equipment was purchased in 1993 for \$558,000.00. Dave Johnson stated the Maintenance Director uses software to evaluate the value of the equipment. Chair Foster explained this is a key piece of equipment for the Wastewater System that needed additional repairs upon what was expected. Dave Johnson stated to purchase a new excavator through MiDeal would cost around \$900,000.00. Administrator Eisenbarth explained this was an emergency repair to a piece of equipment

used often. Administrator Eisenbarth stated there are policies regarding spending in place and he understands the boards concerns.

Roll call:

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

No – Nash

Excused – Snider

Motion carried

BPW-19-056 Approve Change Order No. 1 of the Whitehall Irrigation Well Contract

Moved by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Lahring, to approve Change Order No. 1 of the Whitehall Irrigation Well Contract with Katz Well Drilling, which increases the contract price by \$4,292.00, from \$120,588.60 to \$124,880.60, and authorize the Board Chair to sign same.

Dave Johnson explained they are working with the MDEQ to shut down the purge well system. Dave Johnson stated if we are allowed to shut down the purge well system this will allow us to still meet our contractual obligation of providing irrigation water.

Roll call:

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

No –

Excused – Snider

Motion carried

BPW-19-057 Approve Change Order No. 3 of the Grain Center Renovation Contract

Moved by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to approve Change Order No. 3 of the Grain Center Renovation Contract with R.W. Mercer Company, which increases the contract price by \$27,763.24, from \$979,557.89 to \$1,007,321.13, and authorize the Board Chair to sign same.

Roll call:

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

No –

Excused – Snider

Motion carried

BPW-19-058 Approve Change Order No. 3 of the Fleet Maintenance Bldg Expansion Contract

Moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to approve Change Order No. 3 of the Fleet Maintenance Building Expansion Contract with Grand River Construction, which increases the contract price by \$18,205.25, from \$1,078,089.00 to \$1,096,294.25, and authorize the Board Chair to sign same.

Commissioner Lahring requested that the contractor and engineer/architect be named in future motions. Administrator Eisenbarth stated current policy does not require an owner's representative. Commissioner Hughes explained why the changes were necessary. Dave Johnson stated the change orders equal about

4.3% of the total contract price and a lot of the changes are for items Wastewater staff requested. Discussion ensued regarding change orders.

Roll call:

Yes - Scolnik, Wilkins, Hughes, Lahring, Mahoney, Foster

No – Moore, Nash

Excused – Snider

Motion carried

BPW-19-059 Increase Wastewater Department's Preauthorized Spending for Michigan CAT

Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to increase the Wastewater Department's preauthorized spending for Michigan CAT for FY2019 by, \$50,000, from \$55,000 to \$105,000.

Dave Johnson explained they have two mechanics and one is on light duty due to medical reasons and more repairs are being sent to Michigan CAT because of this.

Roll call:

Yes - Mahoney, Moore, Scolnik, Wilkins, Hughes, Foster

No – Lahring, Nash

Excused – Snider

Motion carried

BPW-19-060 Authorize Quotes for Proposals to Move Electric Lines

Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to authorize the Wastewater Department to obtain Procurement-level quotes for proposals to move the electric lines in front of the Wastewater's fleet maintenance building to the other side of the road in order to eliminate an electrocution hazard.

Roll call:

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

No –

Excused – Snider

Motion carried

BPW-19-050 Informational Items:

The following informational items were received and placed on file:

1. Public Works Monthly Operations Report, April 2019.
2. Wastewater Monthly Operating Report, April 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

Dave Johnson informed the board the ribbon cutting for the green trail of the new Mosquito Creek Trail will be Saturday, May 11th. Administrator Eisenbarth stated it will be at 10a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion ensued regarding the start time of the Board of Public Works meetings.

BPW-19-051 Moved by Drain Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins to move the meeting time of the Board of Public Works to 4p.m.

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried [No: Nash]**

Drain Commissioner Moore recommended a work session/training regarding video recording meetings.

Drain Commissioner Moore informed the board there will be a Day of Review held on May 15th at the Drain Office for several drainage districts throughout Muskegon County.

Discussion ensued regarding cameras in the Board of Commissioner chambers during meetings.

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 4:58p.m.

Gary Foster, Chair