

**Muskegon County
Board of Public Works**

July 1, 2021

4:00p.m.

Hall of Justice, 4th Floor

990 Terrace Street, Muskegon, MI 49442

*Malinda Pego, Chair
Rillastine R. Wilkins, Vice Chair
Brenda M. Moore, Secretary*

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL / Location

Present: Doug Brown, Muskegon County Commissioner
Kim Cyr, Muskegon County Commissioner
Susie Hughes, Muskegon County Commissioner
Zach Lahring, Muskegon County Commissioner
Brenda Moore, Water Resources Commissioner
Malinda Pego, Muskegon County Commissioner
Robert Scolnik, Muskegon County Commissioner
Rillastine Wilkins, Muskegon County Commissioner
Leo Evans, Ex-officio Member

Excused: Jennifer Hodges, Ex-officio Member
Charles Nash, Muskegon County Commissioner

Staff

Present: Matthew Farrar, Public Works Director
Tina Nash, Public Works Coordinator
Dave Johnson, Resource Recovery Center Director
Christine Morris, Resource Recovery Center Administrative Analyst
Mark Eisenbarth, County Administrator
Beth Dick, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director
Kristin Barnhill, Executive Assistant to the County Administrator
Kathy Tharp, Administrative Coordinator
Michael D. Homier, Corporate Counsel
Mark Hansen, Information Technology Manager

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Roll call:

Yes – Brown, Cyr, Hughes, Lahring, Moore, Scolnik, Wilkins, Pego

No –

Excused - Nash

Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works meeting held on June 10, 2021.

Roll call:

Yes – Cyr, Hughes, Lahring, Moore, Scolnik, Wilkins, Brown, Pego

No –

Excused - Nash

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AN AGENDA ITEM

Administrator Eisenbarth informed the board that Dave Johnson is stuck in traffic and he and Matthew Farrar will try to answer questions.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

BPW21/07-69 Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Lahring, to authorize Prein&Newhof to design (at a cost not to exceed \$166,000) a pipeline to extend municipal water to Whitehall Township residents on Silver Creek Road and Mill Pond Trail because of groundwater contamination from the former Whitehall Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Dave Johnson stated they are in the process of completing studies to determine if the purge wells can be permanently turned off. Dave Johnson stated EGLE will have to give approval to turn off the purge wells. If approval is granted we will be required to extend water to the affected areas. Dave Johnson stated in initial talks with the City of Whitehall and Whitehall Township they were in favor of this.

Roll call:

Yes – Scolnik, Wilkins, Brown, Cyr, Hughes, Lahring, Moore, Pego

No –

Excused - Nash

Motion carried

BPW21/07-70 Moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to approve Change Order No. 1 of Pump Station J Force Main Replacement, which increases the original contract price by \$64,030.89, from \$1,430,002.00 to \$1,494,032.89, and authorize the Board Chair to sign same.

Roll call:

Yes – Brown, Cyr, Hughes, Lahring, Moore, Scolnik, Wilkins, Pego

No –

Excused - Nash

Motion carried

BPW21/07-71 Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Lahrng, to accept the low bid from Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc., for IFB 21-2402, South Irrigation Pump Station Replacement, for a total of \$4,334,400.00.

Roll call:

Yes – Moore, Scolnik, Wilkins, Brown, Cyr, Hughes, Lahrng, Pego

No –

Excused - Nash

Motion carried

BPW21/07-72 Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Lahrng, to authorize a salary range adjustment for the vacant position of Resource Recovery Center Operations Maintenance Supervisor (Class Code XF822), from Pay Grade NX-00362, \$32.855/hr. - \$41.404/hr., to Pay Grade NX-00370, \$34.049 - \$43.290, to go into effect immediately.

Roll call:

Yes – Lahrng, Moore, Scolnik, Wilkins, Brown, Cyr, Hughes, Pego

No –

Excused - Nash

Motion carried

Informational Items:

Recommended to place the informational items on file:

1. Public Works Monthly Operations Report, June 2021.
2. Resource Recovery Center Monthly Operating Report, June 2021.
3. Muskegon County Regional Water Policy Board Minutes, June 2021 (draft)

Water Resources Moore asked Matthew Farrar about seeing Soil Erosion Permits issued. Matthew Farrar stated he would speak to Robert Ribbens and report back to her.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dave Johnson provided an update on the Southeast Regional Force Main. Dave Johnson stated Brightmark's engineer firm, Venture Engineering, is testing to determine the amount of solids and the settleability of the solids. Dave Johnson stated Venture Engineering is working with and providing information to Prein&Newhof.

Dave Johnson stated the farmer who bid on alfalfa has paid his account balance and is harvesting.

Commissioner Scolnik asked Dave Johnson if any local contractors bid on the recent contracts. Dave Johnson stated Jackson Merkey did bid as a subcontractor with Grand River Construction on the South Irrigation Pump Station Replacement project. Dave Johnson stated Jackson Merkey did not bid on the J Station project because they questioned the use of HDPE pipe.

Commissioner Brown thanked Matthew Farrar for helping with the fountain pump at Veteran's Park and requested an update. Mathew Farrar credited Leo Evans. Leo Evans stated they fixed the pump yesterday and also found a bunch of holes in the plumbing that needed repaired. Leo Evans stated the fountain should be running tomorrow.

Mathew Farrar stated an informational meeting regarding Gypsy Moths will be held at Dalton Township Hall on July 14th at 2p.m. Matthew Farrar stated this will be a Q&A session for local municipality officials. Matthew Farrar stated no treatments will occur this year.

Chair Pego asked Water Resource Commissioner Moore for an update on Wolf Lake. Water Resource Commissioner Moore stated she is waiting for a resolution from the County Board to complete a lake level study. Matthew Farrar stated the lake is checked very often. Matthew Farrar stated he sends weekly updates to the supervisor of Egelston Township and the Water Resource Commissioner.

Mathew Farrar stated cells 4 and 5 at the landfill are now full and we have moved to using the gap cell. Matthew Farrar stated by law we are required to put aside funds for capping and closing a cell so funds for cells 4 and 5 are already there.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON A NEW ITEM

None

FINAL BOARD COMMENT

Administrator Eisenbarth asked the board members to speak into the mic when they are talking. This allows for those in the room to hear them better.

Commissioner Wilkins recognized former City of Muskegon Commissioner Shepard in the audience.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board of Public Works the meeting was adjourned at 4:45p.m.

Malinda Pego, Chair