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### WASTEWATER BOARD MEETING

August 24, 2022 @ 6:30 PM

#### Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Mike Mroczek called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

#### Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Mroczek asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

#### Roll Call

Chair Mroczek took roll call. Members present: John Brandt, Bruce Cassady, Jeff VanBelle, Dan Stutsman, John Bossler. Member absent: Dave Stiffler.

**Public Comments (3 minutes per person)** there were no public comments.

*Member Cassady makes the motion to amend the agenda by adding to Unfinished Old Business #1.*

*“Continued Wastewater Collection System Operations, Maintenance & Management Proposal: Ontwa Township, Michigan. Submitted by Infrastructure Alternatives, Inc. (I.A.I.)*

*The motion is supported by Member Brandt. A roll call vote is taken and all members present vote yea. 0 vote nay. **Motion carries.***

#### Approve Last Meeting Minutes – June 22, 2022 Minutes

Member Stutsman made the motion to approve as presented. Member VanBelle supports the motion. All members present vote yea, no nays. **Motion carries.**

**Financial Report** The financial report was included in the packet. Chairman Mroczek pointed out the system is operating under budget at this time. Discussion followed.

#### Wastewater Report - Administrator Brigid Forlenza

1. **IAI Reports** – Reports are included in the packets. Discussion followed.
2. Due to numerous power outages, Administrator Forlenza is requesting bids from Reliable Generator for generators to be installed at JPC2 and B2. Administrator Forlenza will present at the next board meeting.
3. Waiting on plans from Ontwa Township Engineer regarding chemical feed line to run underground at JPC1. Latest email August 16, 2022 – waiting on response.
4. Valves at C1 – inspected by engineer on complaint by Ray Stoddard of IAI. Contacting Ferguson for inspection and bid to replace as needed.
5. AD HOC committee met with Ontwa Township Engineer regarding the proposed water filtration project in the village. All concerns were met with positive results.
6. Fencing project at Island drive completed by J.C. Fencing.
7. Generators installed at C2 completed. Fencing project to be completed next week by Rich Kujawa, Custom Fence Michiana. The posts have been installed and are setting, then the fence will be installed. NOTE: Generator was operational for recent power outages.
8. Eagle Ridge Sewer Project: Met with Burne Miller of Danch, Harner & Associates on August 15, 2022, regarding the proposal for design for this project. E-mailed the Township Engineer regarding this on August 16, 2022. Awaiting a response. August 22, 2022 – followed up with a phone call – awaiting response.

#### Unfinished Old Business

1. Infrastructure Alternatives, INC (IAI) Contract

The new contract proposal from I.A.I.is included in the packet.

Discussion followed.

An AD-HOC Committee will be created to request proposals from other companies. Board members Cassady, VanBelle, and Wastewater Administrator Forlenza will make up the committee.

### **New Business**

1. Edwardsburg Sports Complex - Discussion followed regarding placing a meter on the Edwardsburg Sports Complex wastewater system. It was stated the public schools, Camp Wildwood, as well as other organizations, have meters to reflect the actual use of the system. There is a variation of use during peak seasons and low-seasonal usage. Member VanBelle stated this is a reasonable request. Administrator Forlenza will request proposals for the installation and requirements of the meter for next month's Wastewater meeting.
2. Meadowview Apartments – Owner Jason Huber is present to discuss connecting Meadowview Apartment to the Ontwa Township wastewater/sewer system. The apartment complex is currently paying a monthly sewer payment while using their own septic system. A Ontwa Township Sewer monthly customer payment history and time frame for Meadowview Drive, LLC, 69251 Meadowview Drive, Edwardsburg, MI is included in the packet. Discussion followed. Administrator Forlenza is asking for approval to go forward to help Meadowview Apartments connect to the sewer.

**Member Bossler makes the motion to have Wightman and Associate's Engineer to create a *proposal* to accommodate Meadowview Apartment a hook-up extension to the Ontwa Township sewer line not to exceed \$2500. Member Stutsman supports. A roll call vote is taken and all present vote yea. No votes for nay. Motion carries.**

### **Board Comments**

Administrator Forlenza passed out a map of the Edwardsburg Trail System – Proposed Elkhart Road Path. Board of Trustee Board Member Jeff Kozinski is working on the trail system. This was for general information.

**Member Stutsman makes the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Cassady supports the motion to adjourn. Meeting is adjourned at 7:44 PM.**

Submitted By: Lori Mroczek, Recording Secretary