

ONTWA TOWNSHIP
WASTEWATER BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 22, 2020

Meeting called to order: 6:30

Chairman Mroczek called the meeting to order at 6:30

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 and Dave Stiffler. All members present.

Public Comments: (3 minutes per person) There were no public comments.

Approve Minutes: Zoom Meeting @ 6:30: June 24, 2020

Chair Mroczek asked to amend the minutes by changing the word *order to estimate* in the Wastewater report, second bullet item. Member Cassady made the motion to approve the minutes as amended and Member Stutsman supported the motion. Motion passes.

Roll call vote was taken. All in favor; no one opposed. **Motion carries.**

Approve Minutes for Special Zoom Meeting @ 6:00: June 24, 2020

Chair Mroczek asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the Special Zoom Meeting. Member VanBelle made the motion to approve and Member Brandt supported the motion.

Roll call vote was taken, and all members present voted in favor and no one opposed. **Motion carries.**

Financial Report: Chair Mroczek reviewed the financial report as it was presented in the Wastewater packet. He reported the financials were in order and continues to be under budget.

WasteWater Report: Administrator Brigid Forlenza

1. IAI reports -

- B1 pump received some damage by the rocks Administrator Forlenza brought in to display given to her by IAI. IAI pulled the pump, had it repaired and installed the pump back to B1.
- EW1 Pump needs repair and CT Electric will look at.
- JPC1- IAI is working on setting up the chemical feed.
- Wastewater Attorney continues to prepare and work on the “Amendment to Original Agreement” with St. Joseph County Regional Water & Sewer District’s attorney.

2. C1 - Site Modifications and Improvements - WW Administrator received three bids that are included in the packet. Engineer Kevin Marks from Wightman & Associates reviewed the bids and recommended the bid from Selge Construction for \$241,760.00 be accepted contingent upon the receipt of the required bonding and insurance. **Chair Mroczek asked for a motion to accept Bid from Selge Construction recommended by Wightman & Associate Engineer. Member VanBelle makes the motion to accept the bid from Selge Construction for the amount of \$241,760.00. Member Bossler supports the motion. No discussion followed. Roll call vote is taken: Yeas 7, nays 0. Motion Carries.**

Unfinished - Old Business

1. C1 - Preliminary design & site modification - motion made in Wastewater report.
2. St. Joseph County Regional Water & Sewer District (Granger) - Chair Mroczek claims there is a need to continue with surcharge issues.

New Business

1. Manhole - (repair - raise) - **Chair Mroczek asks for a motion to accept the estimate from Selge Construction to Raise Manhole behind Maple Cafe off M-62 in Edwardsburg not to exceed \$4,500. Member Brandt makes the motion to accept the estimate from Selge Construction not to exceed \$4500.00. Member Stutsman supports the motion. Discussion followed.** This needs to be completed to be up to code since it is tied into the system. Roll Call vote is taken: 7 yeas and 0 nays. **Motion carries.**

New Business (continued)

2. C1 - Bids & Site modification - Motion completed in Wastewater Report.

IAI Reports (continued)

- Calls on decline - one was a power outage
- Ray with IAI is working on bioxide. Adm. Forlenza suggested IAI order caustics.

Comments:

This coming Monday Chairman Mroczek, Board Member Bossler and Wastewater Administrator Forlenza will do a plant visit at CFB to observe their modifications in their purification system to decrease the glycerin in their wastewater. It was discussed if a Fire Department Inspector should accompany them.

ADJOURN

Member Stutsman make the motion to adjourn Wastewater Board Meeting. Member Stutsman supports. Meeting is adjourned at 7:07.

Submitted by:

Lori Mroczek

Recording Secretary