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WASTEWATER BOARD MEETING

April 26, 2023 @ 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 and Dave Stiffler. All members present.

Public Comments (3 minutes per person) Supervisor Marchetti mentioned the Ontwa Township cleanup day on Saturday. Volunteers are still welcome and if it is not possible to volunteer, please clean out your garages and sheds of trash and bring it over. There are 8 dumpsters to fill.

Approve Agenda – Member Cassady made the motion to approve the agenda. Member Bossler supports. All members present vote yea, no nays. **Motion carries.**

Approve Last Meeting Minutes – January 25, 2023, Minutes Member Cassady makes the motion to approve minutes. Member Bossler supports. 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 close to the budget at year end. Spending of 1.46 mil for the year for a 1.5 budget. Discussion followed.

Wastewater Report - Administrator Brigid Forlenza

1. **I.A.I Reports** – Reports are included in the packets. Discussion followed.

2. **Wastewater Report** -

- a. The Chemical feed project at JPC1 has been completed by Selge Construction Co. Inc. April 2023.
- b. SEMCO applications submitted for JPC2 and B2.
- c. The staking at JPC2 and B2 was completed April 2023 in preparation for generator installation.
- d. There was a tree at JPC2 infiltrating and affecting the lift station that has been removed by Browns Tree Service.
- e. The meter has been installed by Selge Construction Co. and is operating at the Edwardsburg Sports Complex.
- f. Clean Earth cleaned JPC1, 2 & 3 on April 23 and 24, 2023. Only one complaint regarding back-up and was followed up by Administrator.
- g. The manhole project carried over from 2022 has been completed by Selge Construction Co. Sheridan Road – Elkhart Road – South Shore Drive. North Shore Drive manhole to be completed in near future.
- h. JPC1 is in need of new pumps. I.A.I. received two options for pumps at the location. Wastewater Administrator consulted with Wightman engineer, Kevin Marks.
- i. The valve replacement project – C1 has received a quote for valves at the Sandy Beach location. The quote is still encompassing.
- j. Wightman Engineer Kevin Marks will address and present proposal for Meadowview Project.

Unfinished Old Business

None to discuss.

New Business

1. Meadowview Apartments – Meadowview Apartment owner and Engineer Kevin Marks of Wightman & Associates are both present to discuss Meadowview Apartment hook up to the Ontwa Township Sewer System. A history through time was presented and an Engineer's Estimate project to install gravity sewer, lift station and forcemain to provide sanitary sewer service. The existing service hub would be utilized from the original sewer project. The project would allow the elimination of the existing septic system for the 18 apartments. The apartments have continually paid a "ready to serve fee" to Ontwa Township since the system was installed. **A motion is made by Member Stutsman to table the project until the next Wastewater meeting to gather more information and any necessary adjustments. Member Brandt supports. A roll call vote is taken and all members present vote Yea. No nays. Motion carries.**
2. JPC1 Pumps – Administrator Forlenza and Engineer Kevin Marks of Wightman & Associates present two (2) competitive bids to replace two (2) pumps. One at JPC1 and one at B1. **A motion was made by Member Stutsman to replace the 20+ year old pumps at JPC1 and B1 by KSB SupremeServ not to exceed \$20,000. Supported by Member VanBelle. Discussion followed. A roll call vote was taken and all members present vote Yea. No Nays. Motions carries. Will be taken to the next Board of Trustee meeting.**
3. C1 Valves – Administrator Forlenza presented a Service Quote from LdDOCSA to provide labor and materials to overhaul Lift Station C1. Engineer Kevin Marks confirmed this is an important and needed expenditure for the wastewater system. **Member Stutsman makes the motion to accept the Service Quote from LdDOCSA not to exceed \$82,000 all services included. Member Bossler supports. A roll call vote is taken and all members present vote yea, no nays. Motion carries and goes to the next Board of Trustees meeting.**

Member VanBelle makes the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Stutsman supports the motion to adjourn. Meeting is adjourned at 7:53 PM.

ADJOURN: 7:53 PM

Submitted By: Lori Mroczek, Recording Secretary