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WASTEWATER BOARD MEETING

September 22, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Mike Mroczek called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM

Roll Call

Chair Mroczek took roll call. Members present: John Brandt, Dan Stutsman, John Bossler, Dave Stiffler. Members not present.; Jeff VanBelle, Bruce Cassady.

Public Comments (3 minutes per person) No public comments.

Approve Agenda: Member Stutsman makes a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Member Bossler supports the motion. A vote is taken and all members present vote yea. Motion carries.

Chair Mroczek asked for a motion to Approve Meeting Minutes – July 28, 2021

Member Bossler makes the motion to approve the minutes for July 28, 2021, and Member Stiffler supports. All vote yea. Motion carries.

Chair Mroczek explained the financial report as it was presented in the Wastewater packet and stated the budget was over for the month but is under budget annually. Discussion followed.

Wastewater Report: Wastewater Administrator Brigid Forlenza presented the Wastewater Report.

1. IAI Reports – discussion follows

- New gas meter installed by SEMCO at C1 lift station on September 20, 2021. Reliable Generator contacted to reset generator.
- Working with Engineer Kevin Marks to ensure capacity availability for Brady Road/US 12 housing development.
- System manhole repairs completed by Selge Construction.
- C2 lift station generator bid submitted by Reliable Generator reviewed and submitted to board.
- Met with Engineer Kevin Marks on Sept. 21, 2021, to inspect C1 lift station project, Brady Road proposed development and C2 lift station generator site.

Unfinished - Old Business

1. **C1 – project update** -Lift station upgrade nearing completion awaiting electrical upgrade.
2. **Manhole Repairs** – Completed by Selge Construction.

New Business

1. Generator C2 – May & Garver Lake Road – The generator has experienced roughly 6 power outages to date. A proposal for an emergency generator has been requested and received from Reliable Generator & Electric, LLC of Niles, MI. Discussion followed. Administrator Forlenza will check into the estimated time to receive the generator.

A motion was made to accept the quotation from Reliable Generator not to exceed \$30,000 complete to include travel, labor and materials is made by Member Stutsman. Member Bossler supports the motion. Discussion follows.

A roll call vote was taken:

**Yea votes: Members present, Bossler, Stutsman, Stiffler, Brandt, Chair Mroczek
0 Nay. Motion carries**

Discussion followed regarding fencing for security of generators and lift stations. Administrator Forlenza will investigate which areas need fence for security/aesthetics.

Member Brandt suggests there be a sub-committee formed to review costs of indirect sewer hook-ups. The sub-committee appointed at this time is Administrator Forlenza and Member John Brandt.

Discussion regarding signage in buildings where caustic and other chemicals are placed be put in place. Member Bossler and Administrator Forlenza have discussed with Fire Chief Bruce Stack and have decided this should be done. Administrator Forlenza will investigate the matter.

Adjourn – Member Stutsman makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Bossler supports the motion to adjourn. Meeting is adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Submitted by Lori Mroczek, Recording Secretary