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## **WASTEWATER BOARD MEETING November 23, 2021 @ 6:30 PM**

### **Meeting Called to Order**

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

### **Roll Call**

Chair Mroczek took roll call. Members present: John Bossler, Dave Stiffler, Jeff VanBelle, Bruce Cassady. Members not present John Brandt and Dan Stutsman. WW Administrator Brigid Forlenza is present.

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

**Approve Agenda: Member VanBelle 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 – September 22, 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 financials that were included in the Wastewater packet and reported they are running under budget. Almost right on target. Discussion followed.

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

IAI Reports are included in the packet. Discussion followed.

1. Safety Placards for C1 are being addressed. Emails are out to Engineer Kevin Marks from Wightman and Scott Riley from Selge Construction to complete project.
2. Mission Communications updating Scada System – parts as required have been ordered and will be in soon. This is an alarm system. Discussion followed.
3. Don Ralph from Reliable Generator has completed maintenance on generators. Hoses were replaced on C1.
4. A Float for C1 is being investigated by Engineer Marks.

5. Administrator Forlenza has been in constant contact with the fencing companies for proposals on B3 and C2. She is hoping to have them in January and the fences will be put up in the spring.

6. Currently waiting on bid from Scott Riley with Selge Construction for a replacement Bollard on JPC1.

7. The force main on 2320 Edwardsburg Street (Elkhart Road) was nicked and damaged by a front loader driven by Bob Dunnuck, a contractor from DB Plumbing. IAI was on the scene. Scott Riley from Selge Construction was notified and responded to the scene.

- Elkhart Public Works was notified
- Wightman notified

The decision was made to repair compromised pipe as soon as possible. Scott Riley from Selge is ordering the parts to facilitate repair.

Administrator Forlenza will investigate filing an insurance claim with DB Plumbing's Insurance Company to cover the expense of repairs from the damage they created.

### **Unfinished – Old Business**

1. C1 – project update. Need AEP to come as soon as possible to work on the electric on the electrical pole. It has been difficult to get in contact with AEP representatives. Member VanBelle offered contact information to Administrator Forlenza and will get it to her immediately. Discussion followed on how to get project completed.

### **New Business**

1. ARPA Recovery Fund – American Rescue Plan Act  
Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF)

Chairman Mroczek described the fund and how dollars could possibly be used by the Ontwa Township Wastewater System. The funding provides substantial funding to local governments by either federal direct payments to Metropolitan Cities and Counties or state payments to Non-Entitlement Units of Local Government.

Chairman Mroczek stated this needs to be discussed by the Wastewater Board because the Township has been blessed with \$280,000 and up to \$550,000.

Administrator Forlenza confirmed and said she believed it is to be used for infrastructure such as Wastewater, Sewers and Broadband. Discussion followed.

The board suggested, but not limited to, projects that should be considered; 1) Cobert Lake Sewer, 2) Painter Lake Sewer, 3) Run sewer line along homes on Christian Creek without sewers, 4) Extend force main along Northshore Drive. Discussion followed.

**A motion was made by Member Jeff VanBelle to create a feasible study to extend a force main to Cobert Lake, Ontwa Township, along Northshore Drive to obtain funds from the ARPA Recovery Fund. Member John Bossler supports the**

**motion.** A roll call vote was taken. All members present voted yea. No nays. 5 votes yea and 0 vote nay. Motion carries. Discussion followed.

Administrator Forlenza will meet with Engineer Marks from Wightman to create a Cobert Lake/North Shore Drive Project to present to the Ontwa Township Board of Trustees to obtain funds from ARPA Recovery Funds for Ontwa Township Wastewater System.

Chairman Mroczek passed out information on ARPA Recovery Fund and encouraged members to search on the internet ARPA Recovery Fund for the state of Michigan to see listings of projects that may be needed in Ontwa Township. It appears projects must be long lasting.

Adjournment – Chair Mike Mroczek makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Cassady supports the motion to adjourn. Meeting is adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Submitted by Lori Mroczek, Recording Secretary