

ONTWA TOWNSHIP SEWER ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING

JUNE 7, 2014

The Workshop meeting of the Ontwa Township Sewer Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman John Brandt at 6:30 p.m. on June 7, 2014 at the Ontwa Township Hall. All members were present consisting of Jim Robinson, John Brandt, Freeman Lambright, John Bossler, John Brielmaier, Larry Banghart and David Taylor. An Agenda was presented and Jim Robinson moved for approval of that agenda. Larry Banghart seconded Jim Robinson's motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Next, John Brandt moved to approve the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of June 25, 2014 and during discussion John Brielmaier made corrections to indicate John Brandt would be nominated to the three year term of this Board and John Bossler would be nominated to the two year term. John Brandt withdrew his motion and Larry Banghart moved for approval of the minutes as corrected. John Brandt seconded the motion of Larry Banghart and that motion passed unanimously.

John Brandt then called for public comment and an unidentified member of the audience suggested that public comment should be moved toward the end of the agenda. John Brandt opined that was a good idea and Jim Robinson moved to adjust the agenda to place Public Comment under the category of Anything Else. John Bossler seconded

Jim Robinson's motion and that motion was approved unanimously.

Next John Brandt opened the general discussion of the meeting by calling upon Tom Miller and Gary Foldenauer of Severn Trent Services to answer questions of the Board. Messrs. Foldenauer and Miller then gave explanation of the sewer system including the location and purpose of the various manholes. It was noted by Mr. Miller that the location of sampling by Elkhart included waste from other providers to the Elkhart POWD including industrial operations between County Road 6 in Indiana and the Indiana Toll Road. Jim Robinson mentioned he had requested FOIA information from Elkhart as to their testing of their County Road 6 lateral and had received only self testing materials from an Elkhart Company in their North County Road 6 Industrial Park named Blessing. Although unrequested, he had received multiple records of manhole testing, none of which were dated. It was mentioned by Jim Robinson that samples taken at the Garver Lake lift station for BOD and TSS were acceptable.

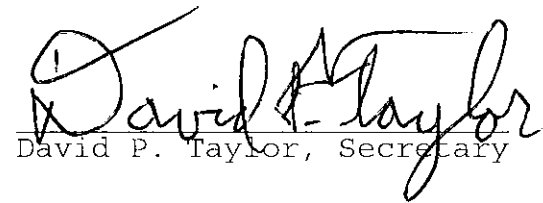
The costs of an Ordorloger was then discussed and questions were raised for the planned meeting with Elkhart on July 10, 2014. John Brandt encouraged others to submit questions to him prior to that meeting. Jim Robinson indicated he would obtain the costs proposed for a new Ontwa Sewer Plant and provide those costs to the other members of the Board.

John Brandt then stated he felt he had an obligation to request additional time to arrive at a recommendation of a course of action

for the Ontwa Township Board and after the opinion of Freeman Lambright that he would prefer that decision be delayed until later it was moved by Larry Banghart that this Board use the next 30 days to determine if we were in a position to make a recommendation or request additional time and that if we then determined we needed more time we would ask for it. This motion to defer for 30 days was seconded by Jim Robinson and passed unanimously. John Brandt then

called for public comment and questions were posed by Trustee Duck, John Harsch, Mike Morochek and Trustee Marchetti. After each set of questions John Brandt asked the Board if they wished to make any motions and in response to the request of Mike Morochek seeking more transparency relating to the Ontwa Sewers a motion was made by John Bossler to request our auditors to show a separate line item in our audit report for fines and penalties paid relating to the Ontwa Sewer system. Jim Robinson seconded that motion and it passed unanimously.

John Brandt noted the next meeting of the Board would be on July 23 at 6:30 and upon motion of Jim Robinson and second of Larry Banghart the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

  
David P. Taylor, Secretary

ONTWA TOWNSHIP SEWER ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

June 25, 2014

The Organizational Meeting of the Ontwa Township Sewer Advisor Board was called to order by John Brielmaier, Ontwa Township Supervisor, at 6:32 pm on June 25, 2014 at the Ontwa Township Hall. All members were present consisting of appointed members, Freeman Lambright, James Robinson, Larry Banghart, John Brandt, John Bossler and David Taylor. Also present and officiating was John Brielmaier in his capacity as Ontwa Township Supervisor and Ex-Officio member.

The first order of business was the appointment of a Chairperson and David Taylor moved for the appointment of John Brandt. The motion was seconded by Larry Banghart and after discussion and by reason of lack of nomination of any other candidate the nominations were moved to be closed with a unanimous voted for John Brandt as Chairperson. That motion passed unanimously and John Brandt assumed the position of Chair from Supervisor Brielmaier.

The next order of business was the election of a Vice-Chair and after the nomination of Larry Banghart by James Robinson and John Bossler by Freeman Lambright, Chairman Brandt called for a vote. Larry Banghart won that vote 4 to 3 and became Vice-Chair.

The next order of business was the election of a Secretary and after the nomination of David Taylor by Larry Banghart and a second by James Robinson and by reason of lack of nomination of any other

candidate the nominations were moved to be closed with a unanimous vote for David Taylor as Secretary. That motion passed unanimously and David Taylor assumed the position of Secretary.

Chairman Brandt then opened discussion of a date and time for future meetings of the Ontwa Township Sewer Advisory Board and after discussion it was mutually agreed that future regular meetings would be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Ontwa Township Hall.

David Taylor announced to the Board that he had been in contact with Maggie Marnocha, the utility attorney for the City of Elkhart, and had arranged for notification by Ms. Marnocha of any pending legal action of the City of Elkhart against Ontwa Township of which he had been assured that none were then planned. He also stated that Laura Kola, Utility Services Manager of the Elkhart Board of Public Works, was anxious to meet the members of this Board and was contemplating calling for such a meeting on July 10, 2014.

John Brielmaier then announced that in his capacity as Ontwa Township Supervisor it was his intention at the next Ontwa Township Board Meeting to appoint John Bossler and Freeman Lambright to the two three year terms on this Board, Larry Banghart and John Brandt to the two two year terms and David Taylor and James Robinson to the two one year terms.

John Brandt then requested that contact information of all members of the Board be e-mailed to him at his e-mail address which

was provided to all members.

John Brandt then opened discussion among the membership as to the problems foreseen by the Board and cautioned the audience that limited comment would be accepted from those in attendance so long as decorum could be maintained. Discussion then ensued with John Bossler providing his view of the current situation and other board members commenting as they felt appropriate. The discussion was wide ranging covering fines and other costs being incurred, timing of responses, adequacy of materials to inform the Board of the history and current situation at hand and the engineering and chemical problems which had been encountered.

John Bossler then moved that in that a great deal of time had already passed on the 120 day moratorium imposed by the Ontwa Township Board on further sewer construction activity, that this Board recommend to the Ontwa Township Board that the 120 day moratorium be extended by them and that a new 120 day moratorium begin June 25, 2014. After second by John Brandt the motion was defeated on a vote of 4 to 3.

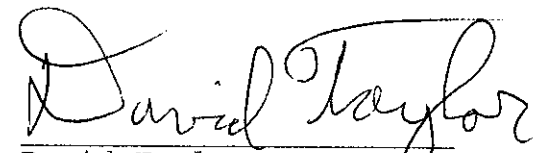
Discussion was then held as to the need for a recording secretary to allow the Secretary to more fully participate in discussions and this subject was determined by Chairman Brandt to be a matter to be determined by the Ontwa Township Board and thereby tabled as to further discussion.

By mutual agreement it was then decided a work session of this

Board would be held on Monday July 7, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

The audience was thanked by Chairman Brandt for their decorum during the discussions and on motion of Larry Banghart with a second by James Robinson the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted

  
David Taylor, Secretary

ONTWA TOWNSHIP SEWER ADVISORY BOARD

EDWARDSBURG, MI

JULY 23, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Brandt, Larry Banghart, David Taylor, Freeman Lambright, John Bossler, Jim Robinson, and Marilyn Cobb.

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Brielmaier.

OTHERS PRESENT: TomDeneau, Matt Davis and residents of the Community.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brandt, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the June 25, 2014 meeting were approved as presented on motion by Jim, supported by Freeman. All in favor. The agenda for tonight's meeting was approved on motion by Larry, supported by Jim. All in favor. Minutes of the meeting with Elkhart have not been received.

Agenda item #1: Tom Deneau of Wrightman Associates gave a lengthy presentation on violations, corrosion problems, manhole testing, violations and fines, problems with Elkhart after the collapse. The standard test procedures and cost of chemicals are questionable. More testing needs to be done by Elkhart since we do not have testing equipment.

Agenda item #2: No representative from Severn Trent. On motion by Larry that a letter be sent to Source Technologies and Severn Trent that a representative be at our next meeting. Seconded by David. Roll call vote showed all members in favor.

Agenda item #3: After member discussion, Larry said that the Township Board gave permission to purchase two (2) Od-a-log's not to exceed \$4,500.00. Anticipated arrival time is one week to ten days.

Agenda item #4: Chemicals and fines. More information for next meeting.

Item#5: Legal issues will be addressed after further discussion with Elkhart. On motion by John that all correspondence relating to the waste water system or the proposed construction of a POTW in the Township including but not limited legal opinions will be distributed to all Board members. Any material that is considered



confidential will clearly marked, as such and with material thus marked will be held confidential by all parties that are entitled to a copy. Supported by Freeman. All in favor.

On motion by Dave that we stop buying chemical that go to Garver Lake. No second.

The Board was asked if the Township has a purchase order for transactions and materials ordered from Elkhart Wastewater. Recommend that Township look into this procedure.

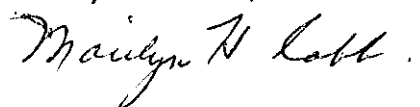
A motion by John that the Township distribute Ordinance information to non-residential places and that letters will be sent in the future stating regulations that they have to adhere too. Supported by Dave. All in favor.

On motion by Larry, to have Chairman ask Paula to make hard copies of items when asked so that OTWWBd members could have one them for their files. These could be picked up at the Township Office. Supported by Fritz. All in favor. Motion carried.

Several people from the audience had questions and comments.

On motion by John Bossler that the Ontwa Twp. Waste Water Board issue a monthly report prepared under the direction of the chairman or his designee prior to the monthly Ontwa Twp. Board meeting. The report will be available for review by All OTWWB members prior to OTB meeting and be available to the public at the meeting. The report will contain information on all fines and surcharges assessed on the township because of discharge violations, all pretreatment penalties imposed on industrial customers listed by name and amount and date, all analytical data on the discharge that is supplied to the Elkhart Utilities district, including the specifications for these constituents, and all pertinent operation data as supplied by the operating company. The operating company data will include but not limited to gallons discharged, maintenance performed, anticipated maintenance due in the following month and any safety or environmental concerns that may arise. Supported by Jim. All in favor.

Marilyn H. Cobb,



Recording Secretary.

CC: Sewer Board, Ontwa Twp. Board.

Minutes approved 8-27-2014 as presented on motion by Fritz, supported by John.  
All in favor.

ONTWA TOWNSHIP SEWER ADVISORY BOARD

EDWARDSBURG, MI 49112

AUGUST 27, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Brandt, David Taylor, Freeman Lambright, John bossler, Jim Robinson and Marilyn Cobb.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry Banghart and John Brielmaier.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Miller (Severn Trent), John Hampton (Source Technologies), Mike Layer, Auditor and residents of the community.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brandt, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the July 23, 2014 meeting were approved as presented on motion by Fritz, supported by John. All in favor. The agenda for the August 27, 2014 meeting was approved on motion by Fritz, supported by John. All in favor.

Agenda item #1: Mike Layer, Township Auditor, presented a personal and written report for the month of July. He answered questions from Board members and the audience.

Agenda item #2: John said that Severn Trent has submitted a written report for the month of July. This included maintenance activity, testing results and anticipated projects and expenditures.

Agenda item #3: Tom Miller and John Hanpton provided information relative to operations, materials delivery, testing and communication with Administrator.

Agenda item #4: Chemical invoices and financial issues information was provided by Township personnel.

Agenda #5: Legal issues were discussed. Township is contracting for new representation. The Cass County Board of Public Works has written to the Elkhart Wastewater Plant regarding current reports. David Taylor said that we can pursue this more as soon as the new Attorney is retained.

Agenda item #6: Discussion on proposed sewer plant. On motion by John Bossler, supported by David Taylor that Jim Robinson, John Bossler and Fritz Lambright serve as a sub-board to look into a number of issues and report of their findings at the next Wastewater meeting. Roll call vote: Jim yes, Fritz yes, John no, John Brandt no and David yes. Motion carried.

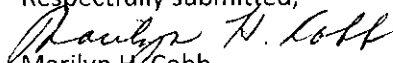
Agenda item #7: Public comments by several residents. Urged that certified reports be read by the Board members.

Agenda item #8: Will sub-committee contact DEQ regarding proposed Plant? Will there be preliminary engineering and environmental issues studied? What is the position of County Board of Public Works?

On motion by John Bossler, supported by John Brandt that the Township Board remove the moratorium of 120 days. Roll call vote Jim no, Fritz no, John no, John Brandt yes, and David yes. Motion failed.

Meeting adjourned on motion by Jim, supported by David. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Marilyn H. Cobb,

Secretary

CC: Wastewater Board, Ontwa Twp. Clerk.

ONTWA TOWNSHIP SEWER ADVISORY BOARD

EDWARDSBURG, MI 49112

SEPTEMBER 5, 2014

SPECIAL MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Brandt, John Brielmair, David Taylor, Freeman Lambright, John Bossler and Marilyn Cobb.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Robinson and Larry Banghart.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Miller of Severn Trent and residents of the community.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brandt, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The agenda of the September 5, 2014 Special meeting was approved on motion by Dave, supported by Fritz. All in favor.

The Chairman welcomed all attendees.

Agenda item #1: Approval of bills. Before approval, bills must have a purchase order number and vendor number. Bills are out of sight, stated Fritz. Chemicals have been pumping into our system for some time and do we know if it is the right chemical. Ontwa cannot test in the same manholes that Elkhart performs testing. On motion by John Brandt, supported by John Bossler that we pay inv. 2015028 in the amount of \$14,100.00. All yes votes with one no vote from Dave Taylor. Motion carried. On motion by Fritz, supported by John Bossler that we pay inv. 2015034 in the amount of \$16200.00. All yes votes with one a no vote from Dave Taylor. Motion carried. Inv. 7001001 approved for payment in the amount of \$455.00 on motion by Fritz, supported by John Bossler. All in favor. On motion by Dave, supported by John Bossler that inv. 7001044 in the amount of \$4,110.49 put on hold. All in favor. Inv. 7001004 was approved for payment; inv. 7001242 in the amount of \$2,215.00 was approved; inv. 7001233 in the amount of \$925.00 was put on hold; Inv. 7001234 in the amount of \$772.50 was approved; inv. 7001112 needs explanation and correction; inv. 7001176 on hold to clarify insurance; inv. 7001266 in the amount of \$455.00 is approved. Fritz stated that we need more detail, when work was completed before approval.

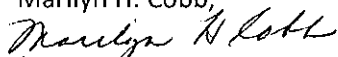
Agenda item #2: A letter from David Szynski that lift station at Garver Lake had failed and he had damage from saw sewage in his basement. He did not have a check valve but has since installed one. The Clerk will check out the issue with the Township Insurance Office and Mr. Szynski will check with his Insurance Company. On motion by Dave, supported by Fritz that any sewer damage claims be submitted to the Township Clerk and they will be filed through the Township Insurance. All in favor.

Agenda item #3: On motion by Fritz, supported by Dave that additional informational signs be established at all the lift stations. Emergency phone numbers will be printed on monthly sewer bills.

The Board heard comments from several people in the audience. Comments from Board members: The sewer sub-committee will continue to meet. Additional legal advice will be needed and cooperation with repair orders and chemical deliveries. Purchase order system must be followed at all times.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM on motion by Dave, supported by John Brielmaier. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn H. Cobb,  
  
Secretary

CC: Sewer Board members, Ontwa Twp. Clerk.

Minutes approved 9-24-2014 on motion by Dave, supported by Fritz. All in favor.

ONTWA TOWNSHIP SEWER ADVISARY BOARD

EDWARDSBURG, MICHIGAN 49112

SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Brandt, John Brielmaier, David Taylor, Freeman Lambright, John Bossler and Jim Robinson and Marilyn Cobb.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry Banghart.

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Davis, Tom Miller of Severn Trent and residents of the community.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brandt, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The agenda for the September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting was approved on motion by Fritz, supported by John Bossler. All in favor. John Brielmaier informed the Board that Larry Banghart has resigned.

Minutes for the August 27, and September 5<sup>th</sup> special meeting were approved as corrected on motion by Dave, supported by Fritz. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: Matt Davis of Wightman & Associates, Inc. informed the Board of the SAW Grant and Loan Program Highlights. Matt pointed out highlights of the program. Ontwa Township is eligible for participation. Matt is available for more information and to coordinate an application.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Fritz said that sampling has been done at each lift station. No results. Fritz and John plan to visit the Marcellus System. Jim said that the signage has been done. Gary said the horn has been installed and is very loud. A list of all non-residential customers in Ontwa Twp. And Granger was prepared by Jim. John Bossler said chemicals have been ordered for the H2S violations.

SEVERN TRENT: Tom Miller presented his August report to the Board. Brothers Baking Company was sent a letter by the Chairman requiring certain conditions be followed so there are no further violations. Tom Miller will write a letter to Granger regarding violations.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: motion by Dave that we recommend to the Township Board payment of Inv.#61-025400-00 in the amount of \$25,261.84 and wait for more clarification of the amount of \$1,092.30 and \$26,427.00 until Oct. 13, 2014. Supported by Fritz. All in favor with one no vote from John Brielmaier. Motion carried. On motion by John Brielmaier that the Township pay the full amount of invoice #61-025400-00. Supported by Jim. Jim yes, Fritz yes, John Brielmaier yes, Dave no, John Brandt no, John Bossler no. Motion failed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Information should be sent to newspapers.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Several residents expressed concerns.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS: John Brandt explained the procedure for closed meetings. Fritz said that we request the Township Board to fill the vacancy as soon as possible. By-laws should be reviewed.

On motion by John Brandt, supported by Jim that meeting be adjourned until Oct. 22, 2014 at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn H. Cobb,



Secretary

CC: Advisory Board members and Ontwa Twp. Clerk.



ONTWA TOWNSHIP SEWER ADVISORY BOARD

OCTOBER 22, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Brandt, John Brielmaier, John Bossler, David Taylor, Freeman Lambright, Jerry Bolock and Jim Robinson.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Miller of Severn Trent, Tom Deneau of Wightman and Assoc., Lynn Brabec and Laura Kolo of Elkhart Utilities, John Hampton of Source Technologies and residents of the community.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Brandt at 6:30 PM. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Fritz made a motion to modify the agenda to remove items A through K that were added by John Bossler who is a candidate running for office in an election that is two weeks away. Discussion followed and the motion was amended to include items B, D, E and F which all had to do with the sewer rate increase which was already on the agenda as a separate item. John Brielmaier added an item at the end of the agenda to appoint a new Vice Chair to replace Larry Banghart. The new agenda was approved.

Minutes of the Sept. 24, 2014 meeting were approved after the correction to Committee Reports, made by Jim Robinson to read that samplings had begun at 5 lift stations.

John Hampton was asked to give a report about the testing he had done at the Ontwa and Elkhart manholes in Indiana. Tests were run from 9-30-14 to 10-2-14. His recommendation is that more testing is done for a longer period as 14 to 21 days will give better information. This request will go to the Township Board.

Tom Miller was asked to give a report about the Labor Day issues. His recommendation was that the DEQ request are in place and a certified mail response go out to them the next day. He expressed concern about the Eagle Lake "high" alarm during our recent bad rains may be caused by sump pumps. Sump pumps are not allowed to go into the sewer and Ed Wainright wants \$45.00 per house to do the checks of each property for the Township. Tom Deneau suggested that some of the testing needed would be covered in the SAW Grant program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Fritz reported on the Marcellus Plant tour. They were impressed on how clean everything appeared.

John Bossler talked about the need to do a dye test from the C-1 site to the Elkhart man hole.

David Taylor explained how he feels we are being fined 2 times for same infraction due to the method of testing.

John Brielmaier reported on a Public Hearing on Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2014 at 9:00 AM in Elkhart for 8 infractions that occurred Aug. 6, 2014 to Aug. 8, 2014. Notified by Elkhart on Oct. 16, 2014 we have 15 days to respond to Lynn in writing.

David Taylor reported that the POTW states that the bill for the new air release valves of \$7,500 should be paid by Elkhart.

Tom Deneau reported that Wightman paid the DEQ \$5,500 for Ontwa's permit application when it should have only been \$400. Rosanne Marchettie will check on the where about of the extra \$5,100. Tom also talked about the sewer rate increase, due to current debts and pledges we have a shortage of cash flow. He suggested a study by MTA or another firm to determine if our capital reserve is in line with what we have assigned to debt.

There was discussion about \$150,000 to purchase a new ambulance. Jim clarified that those monies will come out of the general fund and are in the form of a loan.

Fritz was appointed as Vice Chair.

Bills were approved to be paid for man hole testing, Elkhart Public Utilities regular month bill and Underground Pipe and Valve.

Public Comments: Laura Kolo suggested that the discharge meter at Brothers Bakery may need to be recalculated. Lynn Brabec cautioned us to check our ordinance for the surcharge issue with BOD needs to be Total BOD. Margie Allen complimented the Board on a smooth meeting and the addition of Jerry Bolock. Paul Snidecki scolded the Board for postponing issues John Bossler wanted on the agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Minutes of the October 22, 2014 meeting were approved 2-25-2015 on motion by Dave, supported by Jerry. All in favor. Motion carried.

ONTWA TOWNSHIP Sewer ADVISORY BOARD

EDWARDSBURG, MI 49112

NOVEMBER 26, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: John brandt, John Bossler, Dave Taylor, Freeman Lambright, Jerry Bolock, Frank LaPierre and Marilyn Cobb.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Beth Westphal.

OTHERS PRESENT: Gary Foldenauer, Laura from the City of Elkhart, Matt Davis of Wightman Associates, Rick Huff and Jeff Dunlop from the City of Niles.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brandt, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call showed Jerry, Frank, John Bossler, Dave Taylor, Freeman Lambright and John Brandt in attendance. The agenda was approved on motion by Fritz, supported by Jerry. All in favor.

Jeff Dunlop and Rick Huff appeared before the Board offering any support that Ontwa Township may need in this transition period. They are very knowledgeable about equipment, materials and labor needed to operate their utilities.

The Chairman reviewed bills that should be considered for payment. It is obvious there must be new guidelines for operating the Sewer System and requirements for ordering supplies and labor with work orders. Much review was given to invoices and new procedures will be adopted so that we are more aware of necessary charges. On motion by Dave that bills be recommended for payment to the Township Board, supported by John. All in favor. Motion carried. All bills will be reviewed before the next Township Board meeting.

SEVERN TRENT: Gary gives reports to the Township Board.

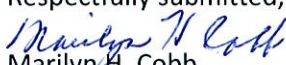
SAW GRANT: Matt David explained Grant procedures and recommendations, financing and planning. Matt will send a copy of the letter from DEQ to John.

Committees will work on competitive bids and purchase orders, work orders. Township will set up a meeting with Severn Trent. Members to attend meeting at Elkhart on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. @ 1:30 PM.

No additional comments from Board. Announcements were made by the Chairman.

The next meeting will be December 17, 2014 @ 6:30 PM.

On motion by Dave, supported by Fritz that meeting be adjourned. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Marilyn H. Cobb,

Secretary

ONTWA TOWNSHIP SEWER ADVISORY BOARD

EDWARDSBURG, MI 49112

DECEMBER 16, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Brandt, Dave Taylor, Freeman Lambright, Frank LaPierre, Beth Westfall, and Marilyn Cobb.

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Bossler and Jerry Bolock.

OTHERS PRESENT: Gary Foldenauer, Laura from the City of Elkhart and residents from the community.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brandt, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call showed John Brandt, Frank, Dave, Beth, Fritz in attendance. The agenda was approved on motion by Dave, supported by Fritz. All in favor. Motion carried. The Board accepted the resignation of John Bossler. Frank is the replacement for Jim and will be non-voting.

REVIEW INVOICES: Some payments are in arrears so payment is recommended on motion by Dave, supported by Fritz. All in favor. Motion carried. Energy bills are paid by the Township.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Dye test – no new information.
2. System chemical report.
3. Severn Trent – Gary presents reports to the Township.
4. Sewer rate change - there will be a 12% increase next year.

UNFINISHED OR ONGOING BUSINESS:

1. Granger sewer discharge. Designate will have discussion with Granger.
2. Saw Grant Discussion – more discussion and decision with Wightman and Associates.
3. WWB By-law discussion- by laws can only be changed once a year. Put on hold. More important issues to be resolved.
4. Severn Trent Contract. Met with them, discuss purchase order system.
5. Township and plumbing inspector checking illegal tie-ins at Eagle Lake.
6. Dave Taylor's concerns and opinions about contract with Elkhart. His 10 item presentation is part of the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS: John Bossler's letter of resignation is accepted.

Legal Issues: on motion by Dave that we recommend that the Township Board get a quote for the expense of an Attorney for a new opinion on the wording of the Sewer Contract with the City of Elkhart. Supported by Beth. Four yes votes and one no vote. Motion carried.

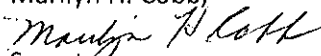
PUBLIC COMMENT: none.

FINAL COMMENTS OF THE WWB MEMBERS: none.

On motion by Fritz, supported by Dave that meeting be adjourned. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn H. Cobb

  
Secretary

CC: WWB members, Ontwa Twp. Clerk.

Minutes approved 1-28-2015 with corrections on motion by Jerry Bolock, supported by Beth. All in favor. Motion carried.