

Dimondale/Windsor Wastewater Treatment Plant

SEWER BOARD MINUTES

July 21, 2011

7:00 p.m. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Blair

Roll Call

Present: Blair, Chappell (arrived at 7:08 p.m.), Reznick, Stiles

Absent: Slucter

Also Present: Denise Parisian, Village Manager; Mike Spitler, WWTP Supt.; Jerry Hilliard, DPW Supv.; Scott Ammarman, Sewer Board Appointee; Sue Butler, Windsor Township Supervisor; Bruce Menery; Mike Stacy; Matt Steinberg; Betsy Kelly, Recording Secretary.

Treasurer's Report/Bills

Motion by Reznick, second Stiles, to accept the treasurer's report for April 21, 2011 as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Reznick, second Stiles, to accept the treasurer's report for May 19, 2011 as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Reznick, second Stiles, to accept the treasurer's report for June 16, 2011 as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Reznick, second Stiles, to accept the treasurer's report for July 21, 2011 as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Reznick, second Stiles, to approve payment of \$20,563.34 for April 21, 2011 bills. Motion carried. Motion by Reznick, second Chappell, to approve payment of \$19,469.03 for May 19, 2011 bills. Motion carried. Motion by Reznick, second Chappell, to approve payment of \$36,195.08 for June 16, 2011 bills. Motion carried. Motion by Reznick, second Stiles, to approve payment of \$22,148.83 for July 21, 2011 bills. Motion carried.

Minutes

Motion by Reznick, second Chappell, to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2011 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Reznick, second Chappell, to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2011 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

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No comments were received.

Superintendent's Report

Spitler noted that two residents, one on Washington Street and the other on Ash Street were recently reimbursed by the WWTP for costs associated with plugged mains.

Old Business

1. Spitler reported that two options exist for repairing the damaged mains discovered during the televising process: dig up and replace the bad sections of pipe or repair using a sleeving method. He noted that a recommendation will be brought to the Board after more research and a review by Wolverine Engineers.
2. Spitler reported that the firm performing the energy audit finished three weeks of data collection today which will be analyzed and a written report prepared.

New Business

1. Blair introduced Mike Stacy, River Rock Condo Association President, to represent a request for possible sewer service to the neighborhood. Stacy explained that the subdivision is currently served by a private lagoon system that is experiencing some ponding issues. Stacy questioned whether it would be possible to obtain sewer service from the WWTP if the homeowners could afford the cost. Blair stated that Windsor Township has extra capacity that could be transferred. The members discussed the benefits of a feasibility study to determine options and costs. Blair noted that a very rough estimate of the cost for running a pipe under the river would be in the \$200,000 range according to Wolverine Engineers. Stacy stated that this is not an emergency situation and that he will report back to the Association.
2. Blair introduced the offer from Matt Steinberg to sell the Ball Grease Trap building for \$10,000.00. Discussion followed regarding utility costs; percentage of shared use

by the Waste Water and Public Works Departments; benefits of ownership; construction value of the facility; and budgeting. The members took a break to examine the structure. Motion by Reznick, second Stiles, to recommend purchase of the building from Matt Steinberg for \$10,000.00 - with the cost being equally shared by the WWTP and the Village DPW. Motion carried.

3. Blair reported that the Township Attorney is drafting language for the amendment to the Utilities Agreement for the properties on Creyts Rd. to include all the existing stubs between Billwood Highway and Lansing Road. Parisian requested the creation of a database that tracks the transfer of REU's so that capacity is accounted for and periodic audits can be performed.

4. Blair reported that the Windsor Township Board has reappointed Blair and Stiles for two-year terms to the Sewer Board. Chappell noted that the Village Council reappointed Chappell and Reznick for two-year terms and presented a recommendation from the Council to appoint Scott Ammarman to a two-year term. Motion by Chappell, second Reznick to appoint Scott Ammarman for a two-year term to expire in July 2013. Motion carried. Chappell also noted that Bruce Menery was in attendance to express interest in a possible future appointment. Blair and Reznick thanked Slucter for his service.

5. Blair introduced the attendance issue for member comments. Parisian requested a clarification on "excused absence" and suggested that for an absence to be excused, the members must contact the Village Office before the scheduled meeting time to report the inability to attend. Members concurred on this process.

Motion by Reznick, second Chappell, to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:48 p.m.