

MINUTES OF THE MAY 19TH, 2005 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Authority Meeting

1 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Blanchard at 1:05 p.m. Commissioners present were Jeff Bither, Dean Blanchard, Roger Turner, & Michael Herzog. Also present were Tom Wheat, Rich Pierson and Nancy Smith.

REVIEW AND SET AGENDA: There were no additions to the Agenda. A motion was made by Bither and seconded by Turner to accept the Agenda as presented. **Motion carried, all ayes.**

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 20TH, 2005 REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Bither made a motion to accept the minutes as mailed. Turner seconded the motion. **Motion carried, all ayes.**

HEAR THOSE PRESENT: There were none present to be heard.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Rosemary Woodward, Village of Richland Connection Information
Thank you for enlightening discussion and your decision to continue as a contract customer. Included was a copy of connection information by township or village and a copy of our Commitment to Excellence.

Rosemary Woodward, Village of Richland Sewer Information
Investigation and estimated data as to number of parcels in Village, number of sewer customers in the Village and number of parcels not yet serviced.

PROJECT UPDATE:

Gull Island: Final punch list being completed today by Dunigan. We owe Dunigan for work they have completed -\$14,648. They are willing to settle for that amount even though they have expended another \$6,000 (plus) to get this project behind them. Prein & Newhof have also stood out of pocket expense of approx. \$4,000. Pierson explained that there is approximately another \$6,000 of repairs to be taken care of and that Gull Lake Sewer & Water has enough in budgeted contingency to cover these costs. After a review of the items yet to be addressed, Turner made a motion that the Authority pay Dunigan what is due them and pay up to \$6,000 for repairs & restoration still needed. Turner noted that no more than \$200 should be paid to Wolczak or Dahnke. That motion was seconded by Bither. **Motion carried, all ayes.**

High School: 34th Street extended. Pierson explained that the new high school entrance will be coming out on 34th St. We have 3 houses not serviced on that street. Perhaps this would be a proper time to install sewer under the road they have to build. For information only at the present time.

Richland Bible Church: Information only. Addition (big) is in process and is constructed over our sewer as permitted by us.

Hillcrest Water: Bither explained that the Authority is Ross Township's agent for sewer & water and therefore are the ones that need to be involved. There was a lengthy discussion concerning ownership and operations & other many issues that might be arise. We will follow Ross Township's direction on this project. Pierson has asked Wheat to put together sewer costs so we know what we're talking about when we meet with Augusta and the developer in the near future.

Bay Arbor: Matt Tracy, neighbor to north with nine acres, asked that we extend pipe to his property line and that will be done. He has reimbursed us for that - \$5,885.80. Check has also been received from Gildea along with signed contract for construction of sewer within the plat. C. Johnson & Son contract will be signed by us for installation as soon as proper insurance papers are received.

Hamilton Farms: Sewer installation permit should be received next week. They have put some dirt behind barn.

Englewood #4: That project is moving forward rapidly. They are dewatering at the present time for the Lift Station. Pierson has left notices with homeowners along 30th St. that may be serviced. One of those we originally thought could be serviced may not work after all. More research to be done.

Sherman Lake: Now with the probability of Scotts condos on Durham property it should lower cost per house back to approx. \$11,500. If the Y Camp commits, we could have a project, but after all engineering, assessment hearings, and other interruptions it is more than likely it would be 2007 before project started.

Pfizer Water: Pfizer is moving ahead with project to have the Township install water pipe on the west side of 31st Street in Pfizer field so that so many trees will not be disturbed. Residents will be offered a one time free water hookup to be administered by the Authority. Blanchard stated that there is need for a public meeting to stop rumors that are flying around.

Rambling Trails #1: Developer is putting 3 ½ feet of sand over whole proposed plat so that homes can have full basements. Escandon is delinquent in his contract payment at the present time. We are now adding interest to each statement. In August contract amount due will go on tax roll if not received before then.

Vineyard Academy: Pierson had a handout for the Board members showing the property that could be serviced by a pump station on the Vineyard property (up to 215 acres including Gullway Plat). He also has a draft agreement that Vineyard would sign to encumber the property should they sell off any portion for commercial use or housing development. Pump station would not be built until Vineyard pays their share of the station and Gull Lake Sewer & Water Authority will pay 50% or up to \$85,000 toward building the lift station as it services acreage outside the Vineyard property. There also would be "revenue capture" from future connections to offset our expenditure. There was much discussion by the Board. Bither made a motion to have Prein & Newhof proceed with preliminary engineering work not to exceed \$5000.00 and to commit up to \$85,000 or 50% of project, whichever is less, as per draft agreement. **Motion carried, all ayes.**

Claystone Condominiums: Plans are proceeding for this development across from Richland Bible Church.

DeDoes Graviy Sewer: This will proceed once Mr. Boyle is back from Florida to sign easement.

NEW BUSINESS

Connection Fee Issues: Board asked Pierson to discuss with Ken Sparks and/or Jim White.

Interest rate for new contracts: The board received a letter from Mr. Hulstead asking for a lower rate than we now charge in lieu of current market rates. Following some discussion, Bither made a motion that the Authority stay with the current rate of 7%. The motion was seconded by Turner. **Motion carried, all ayes.**

OLD BUSINESS

Augusta manhole – Authorize \$9,000 estimate: Plummers will do the 3 manholes for \$9,000. They have done satisfactory work for us in the past. Herzog made the motion to accept the quote from Plummers to do the job. Motion was seconded by Turner. **Motion carried, all ayes.**

Boat: Gull Lake Sewer & Water Authority was able to purchase a boat, trailer and motor that will fulfill our needs for Island access for \$2,657.00. Has already been used on several occasions.

Replace Ford Truck: Nothing has been done on truck purchase as of this date.

Wage and Salary Compensation: Turner and Pierson will be working on this in the near future.

FINANCIAL REVIEW/PAY BILLS

Bither made a motion to file the Financial Reports as presented and approve the Standard Bills as well as the Prein & Newhof bills. Motion was seconded by Turner. **Motion carried, all ayes.**

CLOSING COMMENTS

Bither let the Board know that Linda Armintrout is now working as an assessor in Bay City, MI. Emergency Alert Sirens have been donated to the Township and one will be placed on the Island Landing parking lot, the other location to be detrimined.

Herzog noted that he is still working hard to learn all the ins & outs of Township business.

Turner had nothing to report at present time.

Blanchard stated that zoning ordinances are under review at the present time in his township. What is a front yard? Is it the same for a platted lot as for a large parcel of ground??

ADJOURN MEETING to Thursday, June 23rd, 2005 at 1:00 P.M. The Four Township Water Commission will hold their luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. prior to the Authority meeting. Please plan to attend both. Chairman Blanchard adjourned the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

Submitted for Approval

Roger Turner-Acting Sec/Treas.

May 20, 2005 mtg.