

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2006 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Authority Board Meeting

1 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL: Chairman Blanchard called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. Commissioners present were Mike Herzog, Jeff Bither, Richard Barnum and Dean Blanchard. None absent. Also present were Tom Wheat, Richard Pierson, Tim Hudson, Chad Meints, W.J. Stafford and Nancy Smith.

REVIEW AND SET THE AGENDA: A motion was made by Barnum and seconded by Herzog to set the agenda as presented. **Motion carried, all ayes.**

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 17, 2006 REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Blanchard noted one typo correction to be made on August Minutes on page 2, 1st paragraph under Cooper should be *his* time, not this time. A motion was made by Barnum and seconded by Herzog to accept the minutes as corrected. **Motion carried, all ayes.**

HEAR THOSE PRESENT:

W.J. Stafford was here to let the Board know that he wants sewer to his property and it is the Boards feeling that Stafford would have to work very hard to obtain a septic permit for the property he has purchased on "D" Ave. (Old Production Plated Plastics property). The bids reviewed last month came in at almost double what was expected. Engineering is done, DEQ permits have been received and all easements are in place except for Stafford frontage on D Ave. According to Wheat, permits are good for 2 years. Following discussion Bither made a motion to reject all original bids and re-bid project in December or January. Bids may be much better at that time of year. Motion was seconded by Barnum. **Motion carried, all ayes.** Stafford indicated that the timing would work for him. *Pierson to obtain easement from Stafford.*

Tim Hudson and Chad Meints from Comstock Township were here to ask the Board for their approval and acceptance of a check in the amount of \$62,374.44 as payment in full of contract with Comstock Township for footage @ \$36.00 per front foot (Ed Rose property) along G Ave. on Pfizer pipe extension. Hudson indicated it sounds like there will be activity along that area within the next few years with the extension of 26th St. and Walmart Super Store. A motion was made by Herzog and seconded by Barnum to accept the check as payment in full for the contract with our thanks. **Motion carried, all ayes.** *Pierson to have Sparks prepare a contract closure agreement if necessary.*

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sorenson Cooper Township Water Administration \$852.50
Invoice for Pierson's time on Visser water main project in Cooper Township

Winters 31st Street Water Connection
Letter to clarify our position on finishing up water project at the Winter's home.

Kluge 31st Street Water Connection
Final opportunity to be a part of the water program.

Meints 31st Street Water Connection
Letter to Comstock Township regarding Myers farmhouse at 8546 E. G Ave. and connection to public water to alleviate nitrate problem.

DeKruyter 31st Street Water
Letter and invoices for yard hydrant.

Doezema 37th Street Hook-up via grinder
Reminder of the process for connection to public sewer via grinder pump- 5528 N. 37th St., Ross Township, Hopper Pond, Galesburg, MI 49053

Bliesner Insurance for sewer back up
Response to sewer back up application. Application appears to be for organization running a treatment plant. Pierson revised application and sent to Tom Bliesner. *Pierson to get quote for back-up insurance.*

Gilbert Kreps Commercial Review
Richland Animal Hospital, PC 8421 N. 32nd St.
Letter allowing for continued deferment of capital costs for one more year while Mr. Kreps looks for additional water use that is "abnormal" for his practice.

Thomas Ostrowski Property at 9363 East D Ave.
Letter with several items to check on high water usage and as per discussion when he was in office, giving Mr. Ostrowski until 12/31/06 to correct the problem before enforcing "capital" invoice.

Motion made by Barnum, seconded by Herzog to approve the above 2 letters regarding deferment of the capital costs as proposed. **Motion carried. Ayes: Barnum, Blanchard & Herzog. Nays: Bither.**

Cooper Bracket Street Letter draft for district
Pierson will review proposed letter with Jeff Sorenson.

Cooper 14th Street Awaiting easement
Easement not yet received. After easement, Cooper will likely contract with developer for pump station and gravity sewer for 170 homes +/-.

Tiburon Condominium sewer
All the rain caused a mud problem which ended up in a high water alarm at LS-26 and lift station pump failure.

Macywood II
Woodhouse has asked if basement service was a possibility. At first glance looked like something that could be done. Prein & Newhof now looking at closer.

Vineyard
One pump did not work properly upon installation so we are waiting for Gasvoda to get that repaired. No pay estimate at the present time.

NEW BUSINESS

Purchase of ARI valves For force main air control \$3,750
Barnum made the motion to purchase six new ARI valves. Motion was seconded by Bither. **Motion carried, all ayes.**

Insurance renewal \$13,600 (last year \$13,450)
Insurance is with Western Insurance Agency with is part of MML. Have reviewed with Tom Bleisner.

Retirement plan “administrator” (from NLS to RLP)
Are changing from Manulife/John Hancock to Nationwide. Still working through Burnham and Flower as agent. A motion was made by Bither and seconded by Herzog to accept Nationwide program and appoint Pierson administrator of the program. **Motion carried, all ayes.**

Education and Training
Barry Bowman and Pierson attended a seminar on Odor Control last week.

Repair G Avenue “dip” around manhole
Pierson has Bowman working on getting this problem taken care of.

Audit report
Pierson and Smith to meet with Robert Loftus on Monday, Sept. 25, 2006 and can have audit ready for Board review at Special Meeting Sept. 26, 2006.

GIS

May be ready for us in two weeks.

Flow Study

This is a project we plan to do in house this coming winter.

Bay Arbor

This project has come in 15% under budget so Pierson asked for approval to lower amount due from Kim Gildea to \$63,611.00 and for interest to be figured on remaining balance of \$56,011 for October billing. Also a refund check of \$1,079 should be sent to Matt Tracy for the amount he contributed to a 200' pipe extension to service his property to the south. A motion was made by Barnum to lower contract to Kim Gildea and refund \$1,079 to Mr. Tracy. Motion was seconded by

Bither. **Motion carried, all ayes.**

FINANCIAL REVIEW/PAY BILLS

A motion was made by Barnum and seconded by Herzog to accept the Financial Reports as presented, approve that standard bills paid and to pay Prein & Newhof bills of \$13,976.22. **Motion carried, all ayes.**

CLOSING COMMENTS

A short time was spent on sharing comments by each of the supervisors and Wheat.

ADJOURN MEETING TO OCTOBER 19, 2006

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Blanchard at 3 P.M.

Submitted for approval

Michael Herzog-Secretary