

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION  
Special Meeting  
Thursday, April 7, 2011  
Van Buren Township Hall  
46425 Tyler Road

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room by Chairman Pedersen. Members present: Chairman Peterson, Commissioner Rochowiak and Trustee Partridge. Absent and excused: Commissioner Graf, Commissioner Cook. Others present Director Tom Mac Donald, Secretary Karen Smith, and Dave Nummer of Wade Trim in Audience.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Rochowiak moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Partridge. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Partridge and seconded by Rochowiak to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2011 Water & Sewer Regular Commission meeting. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**DWRF Project-** The tower is ready to be filled and flushed, (flush water can be used) there was a delay due to DTE having difficulty getting power to the new meter pit at Tyler and Quirk, and a work shut down by CBI at all job sites across country. Those issues have been resolved. The new meter pit will be called VB07 and not VB03 as originally thought. There was recently a meeting with DTE, Detroit and all contractors to get the "laundry list" so that work can be completed and should be done within the next 4 to 6 weeks. The contractors are getting ready to start work again. DWSD has begun charging us lower rates in anticipation of the tower going online.

**SHVUA Manhole Raising Project-** 1 of 9 structures has been completed. The project has been delayed due to Wayne County and SHVUA discussion regarding County assistance with the project. The work will begin again in the Spring.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ecorse Road Sanitary Sewer Project-** the Economic Development Grant was denied however we have reapplied with the additional information and changes needed to hopefully have it approved upon next submittal date in June. However it is important to get started with the DDA's construction project to rebuild Ecorse and Belleville road due to the money saving benefits. There is a saving in at least 1 million dollars in road repair alone by starting before the grant is approved or denied again. Recommendation to take project to Township Board to get started was made. Motion by Rochowiak, seconded by Partridge, to present project to Board for approval. Motion passed.

**Proposal from Wade Trim for Ecorse Sewer Project Design-** Proposal dated April 7, 2011 was presented to the board to have Wade Trim provide plans and specifications for the Ecorse Road Sewer Project. The proposal is set not to exceed \$105,000, which is approximately 4% of the cost of the project. Recommendation made to approve Wade Trims proposal bid and send to the Township Board for approval. Motion by Partridge, seconded by Rochowiak, to accept Wade Trim's Proposal and present to Township Board for approval. Motion Passed.

**Cross Connection Control Program-** the current contract with Hydro Designs is about to expire, Director MacDonald presented a new 3 year agreement with them to continue this service. A Proposal to send the contract to the Township Board for approval was made. Motion by Rochowiak, seconded by Partridge to send to the Township Board for approval of contract. Motion Passed.

**Fire Hydrant Painting Discussion-** Director MacDonald updated the Board on this project which is currently scheduled to be completed over the next 4 years, doing one quarter section per year. Chairman Pedersen suggested AFSCME be approached and an agreement made to get Temporary or Seasonal employees and/or to have the firefighters help so that the project could be completed sooner. Director took under advisement and will bring this back to Commissioners for update and recommendation at a future Meeting.

Water Tower Lighting Discussion- Director MacDonald informed the Board that there was a meeting, with the Contractors for the Water tower and they were asked to take a look at the issue for options to light the Tower. He is hoping to have something by next Commission meeting.

Chairman Pedersen asked to have it added to the Next meeting agenda.

Third Party agreement for water service at 7175 Rawsonville-The well is failing at that address and since Van Buren does not have a main to service that location an there needs to be an agreement with YCUA , Van Buren Township and the current home owner to tie that residence to YCUA until a time it can be tied to Van Buren. Recommendation to send to Township Board for approval.

Motion Partridge, seconded by Rochowiak to authorize agreement and send to Township Board for approval.

Motion Passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Rochowiak to adjourn, seconded by Partridge. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Karen E Smith

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Carl Pedersen, Chairman