

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
Tuesday October 23, 2012
Van Buren Township Hall
46425 Tyler Road

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m., in the Board Room by Chairman Rochowiak. Members present: Chairman Rochowiak, Commissioner Graf, Commissioner Pedersen, Trustee Partridge. Others present Director Tom MacDonald, Field Superintendent James Taylor, and Dave Nummer of Wade Trim.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion Commissioner Pedersen, Second Commissioner Graf to approve Agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Trustee Partridge, Second Commissioner Pedersen to approve the minutes of the W & S Commission meeting on August 28, 2012 as presented. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Fire Hydrant Maintenance Update-** We have almost completed winterizing all the fire hydrants, the last few hundred or so will be completed within the next few weeks. The Director and Field Superintendent are working on a plan for the future so that we can finish painting the hydrants and deal with all other system maintenance needs in a proactive fashion.
- 2. Water Tower Project Update-** The water tower has just been drained and the interior of the tank has been inspected, per warranty requirements. Everything passed and there were no issues at that time, we did take that opportunity to attend to the last few punch list items. Over all we are tying up loose ends and this project is completed and ready to be closed. Once the project is closed we will consider the possibilities of leasing space to outside companies.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Ecorse Road Water & Sewer Project- Progress Report-** As reported by Dave Nummer of Wade Trim. Sewer portion of project going extremely well. Thanks to the very dry weather the water table is way down and we were able to install about 200 to 250 ft. of sewer a day versus the 100 to 150 ft. as projected in the plans. However, the progress has started to slow and we anticipate dropping back to the 100-150 ft. as planned. Water main portion is going extremely well and the contractor was working on the last "pull" towards Beck road that very day. The water main portion should be wrapping up in the next few weeks. We have used about 23% of monies budgeted for both water and sewer with water being 75% complete and Sewer being 41-42 % complete. All in all we may come in under budget but until project is completed there is no guarantee.

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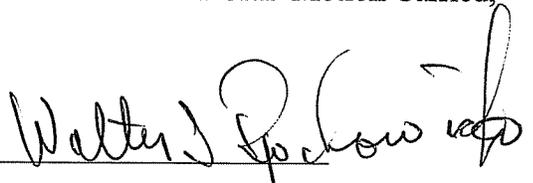
2. **Discussion Regarding Water & Sewer Capital Fee Schedule-** Director MacDonald informed the board we are looking into changing how these fees are calculated. The current method is not only outdated it is cumbersome for staff and too open for different interpretation. We are currently looking into surrounding communities methods and open to the board for their input as well. Once we have collected enough input we will present the board with a new plan for approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn, Trustee Partridge, second Commissioner Graf Motion Carried, meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Karen E Smith

Approved


Walter Rochowiak-Chairman