



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
Tuesday November 28, 2017
Van Buren Township Hall
46425 Tyler Road**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. in the Otisville/Sheldon Room by Chairperson Partridge. Members present: Commissioner Partridge, Commissioner Rochowiak, Commissioner Speaks, Trustee Frazier, Commissioner Graf absent-excused. Additional present Marie Sedki of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Director James Taylor, Superintendent Martin Ladd, and Recording Secretary Pecsénye.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion Commissioner Rochowiak to approve the agenda, Second Trustee Frazier, Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion Commissioner Rochowiak, to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2017 meeting as presented, Second Commissioner Speaks, Motion Carried.

REPORTS:

1. Monthly Operations Reports- Superintendent Ladd

a. October- November Activities

- Sewer Items- Sanitary lift stations winterization and generator maintenance are being finished up. The new pump at the Beckley Lift station has been installed and UIS has calibrated all of the sewer meters for the Township.
- Water Items- We are finishing up the winterizations of hydrants Township wide. The water main repair for the main that loops Morton Taylor to Ecorse and Van Born is complete. We moved the hydrant from median to behind Mike's Kitchen for DDA Pedestrian walkway project. GLWA pump stations are sending higher pressures to our area but our pressure reducing valves have kept it from damaging the mains and causing main breaks and water hammer.

2. Administrative Reports – Director Taylor

- a. GLWA Contract Re-opener- We have begun our five-year contract negotiations with GLWA. The process involves reviewing usage histories and other factors to keep rates and cost down. Another meeting is set for November 2, 2017.

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b. GLWA one Water Agreement- The new partnering agreement was established and signed by GLWA stakeholders on September 28, 2017.

3. Asset Management Presentation- Maria Sedki (Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber)

Ms. Sedki gave a presentation of the SAW grant. What it is and how it can be used within the grantees system. Some key points were; SAW stands for Storm Water, Asset Management and Waste Water. The Township applied for a SAW grant and was the granted \$777,777. The grant can be used to improve or maintain the Sanitary Sewer System, or to install or maintain a Sanitary System asset management program itself. The grant pays for a wide array of items within those group including Engineering, planning, labor cost, supplies and management of.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

NEXT MEETING: January23, 2018 (Sheldon Room)

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn Trustee Rochowiak, second Trustee Fraizer, motion carried meeting adjourned 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Karen E. Pecsénye

Approved


Chairman- Steve Partridge

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