

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
Tuesday May 25, 2010
Van Buren Township Hall
46425 Tyler Road

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Board Room by Commissioner Rochowiak. Members present: Commissioner Cook, Commissioner Rochowiak and Trustee Partridge. Members Absent and excused: Commissioner Graf and Chairman Pedersen. Others present Director Knepper, Dave Nummer of Wade Trim, Recording Secretary Smith, Mr. and Ms. Hickman of 12687 Linda Vista as well as several other Linda Vista Residents.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Director Knepper requested to add 2 items to the agenda in the NEW BUSINESS section. One; a request to reduce capital charges for Meridian Medical Complex and second the Wade Trim proposal for Environmental Services regarding the Sanitary Sewer and Willow Run Airport Water Service. Trustee Partridge moved to approve the agenda as amended and Commissioner Cook seconded, Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Partridge and seconded by Rochowiak to approve the minutes of the Tuesday April 13, 2010 Special Meeting of the Water and Sewer Commission as is. Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

DWRF PROJECT UPDATE: Director Knepper updated the Commission on the DWRF project schedule. The restoration is done, the meter pit has been turned over to Detroit Water and Sewer and the contractors are currently working on the punch list items, the water main under the tracks is still not completed. The work crew has moved to interior work and the “dressing up” of the outside including the painting which should start in the next 3 weeks. Commissioner Rocohowiak requested that the board get a tour soon. Director Knepper stated that would be no problem and we are hoping for an Open House upon completion. Commissioner Cook did question the tower having blinking lights on top and Dave Nummer answered that per the FAA they are not necessary.

LINDA VISTA PROJECT UPDATE: Blade Action was approved to do construction. Project is slated to be completed by the end of June. The floor was then open to residents for any questions they may have. Linda Hickman of 12687 Linda Vista had concerns of access to drive on the road during construction. She was assured there would be access during the project and if there was a problem of any sort she could call Director Knepper to help resolve any unforeseen problems. The residents were informed of an informational meeting directly following the Water & Sewer Commission meeting about this project and any and all concerns and questions will be addressed in detail.

NEW BUSINESS:

REQUEST TO REDUCE CAPITAL CHARGES: Director Knepper presented to the board, J. P. Morgan Chase Bank would like their Capital Charges for the 4 inch water main service line reduced. Director Knepper also requested on behalf of the Meridian Medical Complex a reduced/adjusted Capital Charge rate. The board stated that there is not enough information presented to make an informed decision. Director Knepper then requested that since the Capital Charge rates have not been adjusted in several years that they are reviewed to consider a reduction so that it is more inviting for new business to move into Van Buren Township. The board stated they would consider this request once formally presented with the new rates and a rate study.

WADE TRIM ENVIRONMENTAL PROPOSAL REGARDING ECORSE/BECK ROAD PROJECT: Dave Nummer of Wade Trim presented an Environmental Services Project list that will need to be completed surrounding the pending Grant for the Ecorse/Beck Road Sanitary Sewer and Willow Run Airport Water Services project. It is a list of items that will be required by the US department of Commerce Economic Development Administration prior to construction and final grant approval. Commissioner Cook Motioned to approve the proposal, Trustee Partridge Seconded, Motioned Carried.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Partridge to adjourn, seconded by Cook. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Karen Smith

Approved _____
Carl Pedersen, Chairman