

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION  
Tuesday January 25, 2011  
Van Buren Township Hall  
46425 Tyler Road

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room by Chairman Pedersen. Members present: Chairman Pedersen, Commissioner Rochowiak and Trustee Partridge. Members Absent and excused: Commissioners Cook and Graf. Others present Director Knepper, Superintendent Tom MacDonald, Recording Secretary Karen Smith, Engineer David Nummer of Wade Trim and an audience of two.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion Partridge and Seconded Rochowiak to approve agenda with the addition of New Business item to discuss the Trenton Arm Interceptor financing contract. Motion Carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Partridge and seconded by Cook to approve the minutes of the Tuesday July 27, 2010 Meeting of the Water and Sewer Commission as presented. Motion Carried

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**DWRF PROJECT UPDATE:** Director Knepper updated the Commission on the DWRF project schedule. The only work remaining is to complete the new VB-03 meter pit, then do start up and testing of the equipment and fill the water.

**ECORSE ROAD SANITARY SEWER PROJECT GRANT UPDATE** – The Township was notified last week that we were not awarded this grant. Director Knepper would work with Wade Trim to revise the application using comments received from the EDA and submit it prior to the March deadline for the next round of applications.

**SANITARY SEWER REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE PROJECT UPDATE** – Director Knepper showed a brief video clip of sanitary sewers in the Haggerty subdivision that show the mains to be in good condition, but still many house sewer leads show significant impact by tree roots. Discussion ensued as to method to notify residents of root problems and methods and costs to address the issue.

**2011 WATER MAIN PROJECT UPDATE** – Director Knepper stated that efforts are still underway to obtain remaining easements for the water main project, plans are ready for review, and the project is proceeding for a February or March bid letting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PRESENTATION OF APWA 2010 PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD** – Director Knepper presented the 2010 APWA project of the year award to the Commissioners for the water tower and water main improvement project. This project has also been submitted for the Project of the Year Award with the Michigan Section APWA, and the Township should hear of that outcome in March.

**CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM WADE TRIM FOR SANITARY SEWER MASTER PLAN UPDATE** – Engineer Nummer gave a presentation on the proposal to update the Township Sanitary Sewer Master Plan. Motion by Rochowiak, support by Partridge to recommend the proposal to the Township Board for approval in an amount not-to-exceed \$35,000.00. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ON WATER TOWER EXTERIOR LIGHTING** – Discussion was held on water tower accent lighting and how it does not highlight the lettering on the water tower. Alternatives were discussed for future improvements to address the issue.

**DISCUSSION ON TRENTON ARM INTERCEPTOR PROJECT FINANCING** – Director Knepper informed the Commission of the impending improvement project on the Trenton Arm Interceptor as part of the SHVUA system, and a resolution was to be presented to the Township Board to consider approving the financing contract as part of the application for State SRF funding of the project. Motion by Rochowiak, support by Partridge to forward Resolution 2011-07 to the Township Board for approval. Motion carried.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Comments were heard from William and Peggy Carr-Beasley, 42459 North Cumberland, concerning the high amount of their water bill. Discussion was held on how the meter reading system works, and flow charts were shared with the customers, and Township officials will work with them on finding water use issue and any meter reading issues related to their bill.

Request from Commissioner Rochowiak for update on Hannan Road manhole raising project (SHVUA) and place on next agenda. Request from Chairman Pedersen to add “fire hydrant painting” item to next agenda.

**Motion to adjourn** by Rochowiak, support by Partridge. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Karen Smith

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