

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION  
Tuesday July 24, 2012  
Van Buren Township Hall  
46425 Tyler Road

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Wade Trim Proposal for Ecorse Road Sewer and Water Project Construction Engineering Services.** This proposal is for construction engineering and observation for the sanitary sewer and water main improvements on Ecorse Road from Morton Taylor to Beck Road in the amount of \$305,000. This project is a “tack on” project to the DDA /Wayne County reconstruction of Ecorse road and the Ecorse/ Belleville Road intersection. The project encompasses permanent shut down and removal of the pump station on Beck and Ecorse as well as, new sanitary pipe and new water main. It is projected the water portion should take 10 weeks and the sewer portion 24 weeks. Due to the fact that the project is controlled by Wayne County the speed at which the project progresses it directly proportional to the billing therefore charges could be altered down or up, additionally no inspector days were included in bid. After a very detailed question and answer session regarding the project a motion was presented to send this proposal to the Board for approval with the stipulation that the Water and Sewer commissioners get an up to date, detailed report outlining the progress of the project and cost tracking at the half way point for both the water and the sewer. Motion Commissioner Pedersen, Second Commissioner Graf. Motion Passed.
- 2. Amendment to the 2011-12 Water main project Construction Engineering Services.** This item was addressed in the old business portion of the meeting.
- 3. Discussion of Emergency Relocation of Township owned water main at Haggerty and Ecorse for the Road Reconstruction Project.** Director MacDonald informed the board that due to the road repairs and reconstruction at this intersection the Township owned water main at Haggerty and Ecorse will have to be relocated. However due to the fact that; if a utility is in the way (on the Wayne County Right of Way) and relocation is necessary the utility must incur any and all charges that arise from the relocation. We will get an estimate prior to services but as of now the project will be handled by the contractor working on the road project which is Dan’s Excavating Service. The elevation of the existing water main will be lowered to accommodate the new box culvert.
- 4. Presentation regarding water system performance during recent DWSD water main breaks.** Director Mac Donald and Dave Nummer gave a presentation demonstrating the outstanding performance of the Water Tower during the 3 water main breaks that occurred on Detroit Water and Sewer transmission main earlier this month. Each of occurrences tested the towers ability to maintain service at all points of operation. The water tower performed well beyond expectations. Due to the water tower, the residents of Van Buren were spared complete loss of water and the inconvenience of having to boil their water; additionally many business owners were spared the loss of revenue because they were able to remain open during the main breaks.
- 5. Added Item.** Commissioner Pedersen initiated a short conversation about fire hydrant painting and department staffing and structure.

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The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m., in the Board Room by Chairman Rochowiak. Members present: Chairman Rochowiak, Commissioner Graf, Commissioner Pedersen, Trustee Partridge. Commissioner Cook was absent-unexcused. Others present Director Tom MacDonald, Field Superintendent James Taylor, and Dave Nummer of Wade Trim. There were 3 audience members present.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion Trustee Partridge, Second Commissioner Graf to approve the Minutes of the W & S Commission meeting April 24, 2012 as presented. Motion Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **2011 Water Main project Update-** the project consist of three water mains that we are looping to fix dead end mains.
  - a. **Lenmoore Main-**has been completed and in service there are a few punch list items that should be completed shortly
  - b. **Bemis Road-** Although there have been a few setbacks on this portion of the project, the main is in. There are hydrants and valves to be installed and bacteriological testing to be performed before this main is put in service. After that we will disconnect residents tied to Sumpters' main and connect them to Van Buren's
  - c. **Haggerty and Riggs-**this portion will start shortly as we finish up the Bemis Road portion.

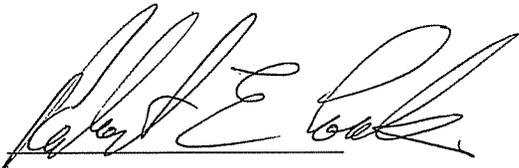
At this point the amendment to the 2011-12 Water Main Project Construction Engineering Services Proposal due to project delays that is in the New Business section of the agenda came up for discussion. Dave Nummer from Wade Trim presented that due to issues that forced a redesign of this project revolving around the Bemis road water main they are requesting additional funds in the amount of \$9600.00 for field services to complete project. The commissioner asks many questions and once they were satisfied a motion was presented to send the proposal for the additional funds \$9600.00 for this project to the board for approval. Motion Commissioner Graf, Second Commissioner Pedersen. Motion passed.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn, Commissioner Graf, second Trustee Partridge Motion Carried,  
meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Karen E Smith

Approved   
Walter Rochowiak-Chairman