



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
Tuesday August 22, 2017
Van Buren Township Hall
46425 Tyler Road

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m. in the Otisville/Sheldon Room by Chairperson Partridge. Members present: Chairperson Partridge, Commissioner Speaks, Commissioner Rochowiak, Commissioner Graf, Trustee Frazier Absent-Excused. Also present: Director James Taylor, Superintendent Martin Ladd, and Recording Secretary Brittany Beaudry.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion Commissioner Rochowiak to approve the agenda, Second Commissioner Partridge, Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion Commissioner Speaks, to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2017 meeting as presented, Second Commissioner Graff, Motion Carried.

Reports:

1. Monthly Operations Reports- Superintendent Ladd

a. July-August Activities

- Sewer Items- The South Service Drive has undergone heavy cleaning to clean debris from the lines. Seasonal Sanitary Sewer cleaning is still ongoing. Previously buried Manholes on Ecorse and Morton Taylor are being located and raised for proper future access
- Water Items- Hesco has repaired Flow meters on Water PRV Stations and recommends changes to Tyler Road Pressure Release Valve, which will be repaired and the Flow meter pit will be updated. The replacement parts are due to be installed on December 13, 2017. The broken Gates Test Valve on Schooner Road has been replaced. The township is cleaning around Fire Hydrants for easier access. We are also installing and painting Storz Nozzles in residential areas, to improve water supply for fire fighters. Lead and Copper samples were taken and sent to MDEQ's lab for analysis.

2. Administrative Reports- Director Taylor

a. Regulatory Update- SDWA Lead & Copper Rule

- MDEQ has lowered tolerances for lead content allowed. Due to this, one of our samples showed an elevated level of lead content. The township worked with MDEQ to remedy

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the situation with property owner. MDEQ is satisfied with the plan put in place and further samples will be taken to meet their new stricter guidelines for water sampling.

- The township is also launching a campaign for residents to educate them on lead contamination.

b. GIS Update- Continuing Improvements

- We have been working on collecting vast amounts of data in our GIS system on the age of the townships water main, and the age and location of water main components. This data will help to better assist us in repairs and budgeting for future repairs.
- Data is also being collected on when sections of the sewer system were last inspected and cleaned. Much of the data has come from work orders. This will also assist the township in repairs and budgeting for future repairs.

Public Comment: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Next Meeting: September 26, 2017 (Sheldon Room)

Non-Agenda Items:

Director Taylor presented a 2.5 minute commercial for Van Buren Township created by the Cable Department. He also addressed a misleading notice sent to local municipality residents advertising a water filtration system. It is not from municipality representative or any other water regulatory agency and there is no cause for concern on Van Buren Townships water supply quality.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn Commissioner Rochowiak, Second Commissioner Graff, meeting adjourned 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Brittany Beaudry

Approved _____
Chairperson Steve Partridge

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