



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

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. in Denton Room by Chairperson Speaks. Members present: Commissioner Speaks, Commissioner Rochowiak, Commissioner Partridge, Trustee Frazier, and Commissioner Graf absent/excused. Also Present Director James Taylor, Superintendent Martin Ladd and Recording Secretary Smith

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion Commissioner Rochowiak, Second Commissioner Partridge; Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion Trustee Frazier, Second Commissioner Rochowiak Motion Carried

REPORTS:

1. Operations Reports –Superintendent Ladd

The EQ basin sustained some damage from the recent wind storm but it has been repaired. All cost are being covered by the insurance so it will not be additional cost to the department. Other systems affected by the storm was our SCADA causing us to switch over to manual controls. However our system was never compromised we just operated as we did before the system was automated. Ladd also reported the our field crew preformed outstanding in aiding citizens after the storm getting word out about the warming shelter We did experience a low pressure this month, but no health or safety issues arose as a result, additionally crews were dispatched to flush hydrants to make sure there was no air left in line and keep fresh water flowing. Lift station construction at Harbour club is well under way, all previous equipment has been removed and the project is on schedule and will be completed in April. Seasonal cleaning od sewers is beginning. The crews will pick up where they left off last year at Robinson River. Talks have begun with Neptune and Itron regarding upgrading our meter reading system as our system is currently dated and will not be supported down the road. Restoration season is coming up so Spring clean-up will begin soon.

MISSION STATEMENT

"The Van Buren Public Works Department is committed to a clean and safe environment, enhanced service delivery to its customers and protection of the significant public investment in the township's buildings and grounds, and water distribution and sanitary collection systems."



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

2. Administrative Reports- Director Taylor

- a) 2016 Cross Connection Report- DEQ is moving forward on their push for residential compliance, it is a direction they have been heading for several years but this year have made it clear it is not an option. Our department will begin collecting and compiling information for the push this year.
- b) Renewal of Hydro- Corp contract- Hydro Corp is the company that the township currently is contracted with for cross connection inspection. They have provided this service for the township since 2008. Director Taylor would like to retain their services and presented the commissioners with a copy of the current bid proposal submitted by Hydro Corp. He went on to say they are a premier company and currently represent not only us but 140 other communities in Michigan and have operations in 9 States.
- c) WAMR Pumpage report- Director Taylor showed the current daily water flow into the township for the month. The reports indicate less pumpage this year than last. He believes the contributing factor to this is customers are finding ways to reduce their water use either by more efficient appliances and/or reducing areas of waste like leaks. He will continue to monitor the trends and report to the numbers to the board monthly.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Recommendation on the Hydro-Corp contract renewal.

Commissioner Rochowiak moved, Commissioner Partridge seconded; to recommend presenting the presented Hydro –Corp proposal to the board for approval.

Yeas: Speaks, Partridge, Rochowiak, Frazier

Nays: None

Absent: Graf

Motion Carried

MISSION STATEMENT

“The Van Buren Public Works Department is committed to a clean and safe environment, enhanced service delivery to its customers and protection of the significant public investment in the township’s buildings and grounds, and water distribution and sanitary collection systems.”



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

NON-AGENDA ITEMS: We will have 2 if not 3 residents coming to the commission next month to request assistance on their water bills, which were extremely high due to water back up sump pumps.

NEXT MEETING: April 25, 2017 (Sheldon Room)

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn Trustee Frazier, Seconded Commissioner Rochowiak, and meeting adjourned 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Karen E. Smith

Approved Loretta Speaks
Chairperson Loretta Speaks

MISSION STATEMENT

"The Van Buren Public Works Department is committed to a clean and safe environment, enhanced service delivery to its customers and protection of the significant public investment in the township's buildings and grounds, and water distribution and sanitary collection systems."

