



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
Tuesday September 26, 2017
Van Buren Township Hall
46425 Tyler Road**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Otisville/Sheldon Room by Vice-Chair Rochowiak. Members present: Commissioner Rochowiak, Commissioner Speaks, Commissioner Graf, Trustee Frazier, Commissioner Partridge absent-excused. Additional present: Chase Curtis and Rolly Olney of Sensus Meter Company, Director James Taylor, Superintendent Martin Ladd, and Recording Secretary Karen Pecsénye.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion Trustee Frazier to approve the agenda, Second Commissioner Speaks, Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion Commissioner Speaks, to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2017 meeting as presented, Second Commissioner Graff, Motion Carried.

REPORTS:

1. Monthly Operations Reports- Superintendent Ladd

August-September Activities

- Sewer Items- The cleaning on the South Service Dr. has been finished. Started winterization of sanitary lift stations including generator maintenance. Locating and raising of manholes on Belleville and Quirk.
- Water Items- Hesco has repaired flow meters on Tyler PRV Stations and we installed new structure to hose in the flow meter. The property surrounding the water tower has been staked for the Citizen Forrester Group's free tree planting project. Repaired the water main break on Haggerty and Independence, also continued cleaning around fire hydrants, painting and installing Storz nozzles in residential areas completed the lead and copper sampling and reports.

2. Metering System Presentation- Sensus Meters

Mr. Curtis gave an overview of his companies' meter reading system. Some of the key items presented were; it operates as a flex net and fixed base system, it is the most powerful system on the market, 1 to 1 integration, would require only one tower, possibly two (based on placement of the reading devices inside or outside the homes) per the propagation study.

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Many nearby communities including, Pittsfield, Wayne/Westland, Taylor, Livonia and Canton Township are currently using or transferring to their system.

3. Administrative Reports – Director Taylor

Director Taylor presented the restructuring plan. Planning & Economic Development and the Department of Public Services will now be combined in one department titled Developmental Services with a new Director Matthew Best. The Departments of Planning & Economic Development headed by Director Ron Akers and The Water and Sewer Department headed by Director James Taylor will report to the new Director of Developmental Service. Director Best will also continue care of the Environmental Department needs and assume the management of the Building and Grounds Department. There was then a brief discussion and question and answer session regarding the change.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

NEXT MEETING: October 24,2017 (Sheldon Room)

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn Trustee Frazier, second Commissioner Graf, motion carried meeting adjourned 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Karen E. Pecsénye

Approved Walt Rochowiak

Vice-Chairman Walt Rochowiak

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