

Western Townships Utilities Authority
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 22, 2021
WTUA MIDDLE ROUGE CONFERENCE ROOM
40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187

The regular meeting of the Western Townships Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, February 22, 2021 via ZOOM. The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by the Chairperson, Kurt Heise.

Present:

Kurt Heise
Anne Marie Graham-Hudak
Mark Abbo

Absent:

Also present were:

Aaron Sprague
Suzanne Reel
Jack Polhill

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The first order of business was the acceptance of the agenda: Following discussion and upon hearing no objections; it was

R-21-02-10 Resolved to accept the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Heise, Graham-Hudak, Abbo
Nays: None
Absent: None

The next order of business was the minutes of the regular meeting of January 25, 2021. Following discussion and upon motion by Abbo, supported by Graham-Hudak; it was

R-21-02-11 Resolved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of January 25, 2021.

Ayes: Heise, Graham-Hudak, Abbo
Nays: None
Absent: None

The next order of business was Approval of WTUA Bills. Following discussion and upon motion by Abbo, supported by Graham-Hudak; it was

R-21-02-12 Resolved to approve the schedule of disbursements for January 2021 of \$1,179,555.11 and pre-approved payroll for March 2021 of \$22,693.73.

Ayes: Heise, Graham-Hudak, Abbo
Nays: None
Absent: None

The next order of business was the Operations and Maintenance Report for the month of January 2021. Following discussion and upon motion by Abbo supported by Graham-Hudak, it was

R-21-02-13 Resolved to receive and file the Operations and Maintenance Report for the month of January 2021.

Ayes: Heise, Graham-Hudak, Abbo

Nays: None

Absent: None

The next order of business was the Directors Report for the month of February 2021: Following discussion and upon motion by Abbo supported by Graham-Hudak; it was

R-21-02-14 Resolved to receive and file the Directors Report for the month of February 2021.

Ayes: Heise, Graham-Hudak, Abbo

Nays: None

Absent: None

The next order of business was Financial Statements For The Three Months Ended December 31, 2020. Following discussion and upon motion by Abbo supported by Graham-Hudak; it was

R-21-02-15 Resolved to receive and file the financial statements for the three months ended December 31, 2020.

Ayes: Heise, Graham-Hudak, Abbo

Nays: None

Absent: None

The next order of business was Election of Officers: According to Article VII of the Articles of Incorporation, the Authority must select Officers of the Commission annually. Article VI of the WTUA By-Laws defines the roles for these Officers of the Commission. Following discussion and upon motion by Abbo supported by Graham-Hudak; it was

R-21-02-16 Resolved that the following officers be elected for the next twelve months:
Kurt Heise-Chairperson; Anne Marie Graham-Hudak-Vice
Chairperson/Secretary; Mark Abbo - Treasurer; Aaron Sprague-Assistant
Secretary.

Ayes: Heise, Graham-Hudak, Abbo

Nays: None

Absent: None

The next order of business was Granite Inliner LLC (formerly Liquiforce) Professional Services Agreement Renewal: WTUA has through its Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) performed extensive maintenance and repair activities on its older sewer infrastructure. These repairs have been based on WTUA's rigorous sewer inspection program, which ensures that all the sewer

lines are cleaned and inspected, at a minimum, once every five (5) years. As inspection identifies failing or faulting sewers, a repair method and budget is established in the CIP. Historically, these repairs had been bid out year-to-year. In 2013, the City of Livonia and Redford Township jointly bid repair services. Liqui-Force Services (Romulus, MI) was the lowest qualified bidder of the three (3) bids received. Included in the bid was a Cooperative Services Agreement that allowed other regional municipalities to utilize the accepted bid prices (Canton Township entered into such an Agreement in July, 2014). Liqui-Force Services agreed to extend these services and same unit prices to WTUA, and a three-year Agreement was entered into in 2015, and will be "as-needed", with no minimum commitment. This Agreement was extended for a second three-year period in 2018 and expires in March. Liquiforce (now Granite Inliner) has maintained the same 2013 bid prices through the six (6) years of the Agreement, which is performed "as-needed" and has no minimum commitment. The relationship between Granite Inliner (formerly Liquiforce) and WTUA has been mutually beneficial. With year-to-year bids, WTUA incurred additional design, advertisement and bidding costs, which have been eliminated with this relationship. Both parties wish to extend the relationship; however, given that the contract, specifications and bid prices are now eight (8) years old, an update would prove beneficial. Granite recently proposed on a similar project for Genessee County and was awarded a contract. Granite has suggested extending those bid/proposal prices to WTUA and provided the Contract Documents as a template for renewal. In general, most of the prices are higher than the current Agreement, as can be expected after eight (8) years. However, these increase also incorporate aspects of the work that are currently performed "a la cart"; e.g. the lining prices include the cost of the pre-repair cleaning and inspection, post-repair inspection, up to 4" by pass pumping (and include a price for greater bypass pumping requirements), etc. In addition, the larger cost increases are associated with the smaller diameter pipes; most of the work Granite Inliner will/would do for WTUA is on larger diameter pipes (and in some cases, the updated pricing is actually lower than the current pricing. Following discussion and upon motion by Abbo supported by Graham-Hudak; it was

R-21-02-17 Resolved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Operations to approve the three-year contract with Granite Inliner LLC (Romulus, MI) for sanitary sewer rehabilitation and repairs; and

Further, that the Director of Operations sign the Agreement on behalf of the Authority.

Ayes: Heise, Graham-Hudak, Abbo

Nays: None

Absent: None

The next order of business was public comments: There were none.

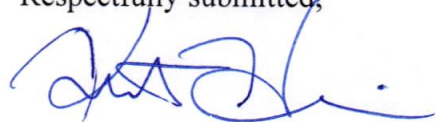
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The next order of business was Commissioners' Comments: There were none.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the regular meeting was adjourned at 3:21p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kurt L. Heise,
Chairperson