

Western Townships Utilities Authority
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 25, 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, October 25, 2021 in the WTUA Middle Rouge Conference Room, 40905 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan 48187. The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by the Chairperson, Kurt Heise.

Present:

Kurt Heise
Anne Marie Graham-Hudak
Chris Roosen (Northville Township Alternate)

Absent:

Mark Abbo

Also present were:

Aaron Sprague
Jack Polhill

WTUA
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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-21-10-61 Resolved to accept the agenda as presented.

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

The next order of business was the minutes of the regular meeting of September 27, 2021. Following discussion and upon motion by Graham-Hudak, supported by Roosen; it was

R-21-10-62 Resolved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of September 27, 2021.

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

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

R-21-10-63 Resolved to approve the schedule of disbursements for October 2021 of \$2,289,262.15 and pre-approved payroll for November 2021 of \$22,515.06.

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

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

R-21-10-64 Resolved to receive and file the Operations and Maintenance Report for the month of September 2021.

Ayes: Heise, Graham-Hudak, Roosen

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

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

R-21-10-65 Resolved to receive and file the Directors Report for the month of October 2021.

Ayes: Heise, Graham-Hudak, Roosen

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was the Wayne County Annual Permit: Each year WTUA completes a permit application to the County of Wayne for activities that may take place within the County's roads right-of-way. Following discussion and upon motion by Graham-Hudak supported by Roosen; it was

R-21-10-66 Resolved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Operations for conditional approval of the Wayne County Permit application, incorporating the changes recommended by the WTUA Attorney; and

Further, that the Director of Operations be authorized to sign the permit application on behalf of WTUA, but that the Director not be authorized to accept the County's Insurance & Indemnification requirements on behalf of WTUA, as specified in the letter from WTUA's counsel.

Ayes: Heise, Graham-Hudak, Roosen

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was the MDOT Performance Resolution: Each year WTUA completes an annual MDOT application and permit to conduct underground utility maintenance operations in the State right-of-ways. MDOT use to require that a Performance Resolution be completed each year and submitted with the application. This year a new Performance Resolution is proposed. Although MDOT made changes in response to WTUA's past concerns, the language of indemnification in the Performance Resolution still creates a concern from a public policy and statutory standpoint. Following discussion and upon motion by Graham-Hudak supported by Roosen; it was

R-21-10-67 Resolved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Operations for conditional approval of the MDOT Performance Resolution, incorporating the changes recommended by the WTUA Attorney; and

Further, that the Chairperson sign the Performance Resolution on behalf of the Authority, assigning Aaron Sprague as authorized representative.

Ayes: Heise, Graham-Hudak, Roosen

Nays: None

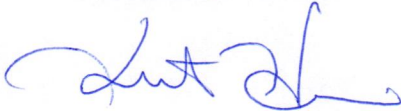
Absent: Abbo

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

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 3:17p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kurt L. Heise,
Chairperson