

Western Townships Utilities Authority
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, June 26, 2017
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, June 26, 2017 in the WTUA Middle Rouge Conference Room, 40905 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan 48187. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson, Robert Nix.

Present:

Pat Williams
Kurt Heise
Robert Nix

Absent:

Also present were:

Aaron Sprague	WTUA
Suzanne Reel	WTUA
Jack Polhill	CH2MHILL-OMI

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

R-17-06-43 Resolved to accept the agenda as amended, adding Item #VIII(c) Discussion on unfunded Pension and OPEB Liability.

Ayes: Williams, Heise, Nix
Nays: None
Absent: None

The next order of business was the minutes of the regular meeting of May 22, 2017: Following discussion and upon motion by Williams supported by Heise; it was

R-17-06-44 Resolved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of May 22, 2017 as presented.

Ayes: Williams, Heise, Nix
Nays: None
Absent: None

The next order of business was Approval of WTUA Bills. Following discussion and upon motion by Heise supported by Williams; it was

R-17-06-45 Resolved to approve the schedule of disbursements for June 2017 of \$2,523,973.03 and pre-approved payroll for July 2017 of \$20,843.14.

Ayes: Williams, Heise, Nix
Nays: None
Absent: None

The next order of business was the Operations and Maintenance Report for the month of May 2017. Following discussion and upon motion by Heise supported by Williams; it was

R-17-06-46 Resolved to receive and file the Operations and Maintenance Report for the month of May 2017.

Ayes: Williams, Heise, Nix

Nays: None

Absent: None

The next order of business was the Directors Report for the month of June 2017: Following discussion and upon motion by Heise supported by Williams; it was

R-17-06-47 Resolved to receive and file the Directors Report for the month of June 2017.

Ayes: Williams, Heise, Nix

Nays: None

Absent: None

The next order of business was 2017 Interceptor Lining: In February 2015, the Board approved a three (3) year Contract with Liqui-Force Services (Romulus) for sanitary sewer rehabilitation and repairs. Working with Liqui-Force, several areas have been identified in need of repair in 2017; One section of yard piping at Middle Rouge; three (3) sections of the Plymouth Road Interceptor; three (3) sections of the Middle Rouge Parkway Interceptor; and one section of the Middle Rouge Valley Interceptor. This work will line seven (7) sections of pipe, totaling approximately 2000 linear feet, as well as removal of an obstruction and installation of a spot liner in one section of pipe. Five (5) of these eight (8) sections were identified in the CIP as most in need; the remaining three (3) sections were chosen due to their proximity to the other work. Liqui-Force has provided a quote totaling \$245,716 (including \$30,000 in allowances for restoration, access issues and by-pass pumping (if needed). Following discussion and upon motion by Williams supported by Heise; it was

R-17-06-48 Resolved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Operations to award the 2017 Sewer Rehabilitation Project to Liqui-Force Services (Romulus, MI) for a cost not to exceed \$245,716; and

Further, that the 2016 CIP be amended to include a 2017 Sewer Repair Project, with a budget of \$245,716, and removing the Odor Control Modifications Project.

Ayes: Williams, Heise, Nix

Nays: None

Absent: None

The next order of business was Stantec Budget Amendment: In July 2014, Stantec Consulting (Ann Arbor) was awarded the Flow Diversion Master Plan Project. This project was intended to evaluate the current and future capacity needs of the Authority and to determine whether or not the Authority would need to continue to utilize the Wayne County RVIS for handling a portion of its wastewater flow. WTUA and Stantec shared the Master Plan with MDEQ in early 2016. The preliminary comments by the MDEQ were minor and easily addressed by WTUA and Stantec. Unfortunately, MDEQ has continued to issue additional comments and concerns, requiring more effort from Stantec than anticipated. Stantec has prepared a proposal to do the final analysis for a cost not-to-exceed \$3,500. Stantec has also requested an amendment

allowance of \$5,500 for addressing the “abnormal” commenting process from MDEQ. Following discussion and upon motion by Heise supported by Williams; it was

R-17-06-49 Resolved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Operations to award the additional analysis for the “fourth opinion” for addressing flows from the City of Plymouth for a cost not to exceed \$3,500; and

Further, that Stantec’s budget for the Master Plan Project be increased by \$5,500 to assist in addressing questions raised by MDEQ.

Ayes: Williams, Heise, Nix

Nays: None

Absent: None

The next order of business was Discussion on unfunded Pension and OPEB Liability: Aaron Sprague (Director of Operations) updated the Board on the unfunded pension and OPEB liability (none). This was a discussion and update only and were no decisions or resolutions made.

The next order of business was MMRMA Insurance Policy Renewal: WTUA has been afforded insurance coverage through the MMRMA State Pool since 1991. The current policy expires on July 1, 2017. The cost of our premium for our new policy has increased slightly from \$43,303 per year to \$44,511 (an increase of \$1,148.00). However, this price increase is still down from the 2015 amount of \$45,213. This policy does not include sewage back-ups, but does include the North Pump Station property. Further, we can expect a distribution this Fall. Following discussion and upon motion by Heise supported by Williams; it was

R-17-06-50 Resolved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Operations to approve the renewal with MMRMA for the 2017/2018 coverage period at an annual premium of \$44,511; and

Further, that the Director of Operations sign the policy on behalf of the Authority as the member representative..

Ayes: Williams, Heise, Nix

Nays: None

Absent: None

The next order of business was public comment: 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 3:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Nix
Chairman

