

**Western Townships Utilities Authority**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
Thursday, June 27, 2016  
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 Thursday, June 27, 2016 in the WTUA Middle Rouge Conference Room, 40905 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan 48187. The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m. by Chairperson, Philip LaJoy.

Present:

Phil LaJoy  
Robert Nix  
Shannon Price (arrived at 3:15)

Absent:

Also present were:

Aaron Sprague	WTUA
Jack Polhill	OMI/CH2M

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

R-16-06-34 Resolved to accept the agenda as presented.

Ayes: LaJoy, Nix  
Nays: None  
Absent: Price

The next order of business was the minutes of the regular meeting of May 26, 2016. Following discussion and upon motion by Nix supported by LaJoy; it was

R-16-06-35 Resolved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of May 26, 2016 as presented.

Ayes: LaJoy, Nix  
Nays: None  
Absent: Price

The next order of business was Approval of WTUA Bills. Following discussion and upon motion by Nix, supported by LaJoy; it was

R-16-06-36 Resolved to approve the schedule of disbursements for June 2016 of \$12,045,351.35 and pre-approved payroll for July 2016 of \$19,034.15.

Ayes: LaJoy, Nix  
Nays: None  
Absent: Price

The next order of business was the Operations and Maintenance Report for the month of May 2016. Following discussion and upon motion by Nix supported by LaJoy; it was

R-16-06-37 Resolved to receive and file the Operations and Maintenance Report for the month of May 2016.

Ayes: LaJoy, Nix

Nays: None

Absent: Price

The next order of business was the Directors Report for the month of June 2016: Following discussion and upon motion by Nix supported by Price; it was

R-16-06-38 Resolved to receive and file the Directors Report for the month of June 2016.

Ayes: LaJoy, Nix, Price

Nays: None

Absent: None

The next order of business was Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith; Legal Rate Increase: During the preparation of the 2016/2017 Fiscal Year Budget, a rate increase was requested by Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith (FSCS). WTUA Currently pays FSCS a rate of \$225.00 per hour for highly experienced/shareholder attorneys; this rate was established and has been in effect since October 1, 2004. FSCS has requested an increase to \$270.00 per hour, which represents an increase of approximately 1.6% per year since 2004. The State Bar of Michigan reported in its 2014 attorney billing pricing rate summary report, a 2013 median shareholder rate of \$310.00. Following discussion and upon motion by Price supported by LaJoy; it was

R-16-06-39 Resolved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Operations to amend the contract with Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith to increase the rate for legal services provided by shareholders to \$270.00 per hour from the current rate of \$225.00 per hour, effective October 1, 2016.

Ayes: LaJoy, Nix, Price

Nays: None

Absent: None

The next order of business was the Lower Rouge North Pump Station Gas Detection System; Sensor Exchange Program: The Lower Rouge facilities are equipped with a gas detection system that utilizes sensors manufactured by Mine Safety Appliances Company (MSA). These sensors have a very limited lifespan and need to be replaced annually. A number of years ago, we enrolled in a sensor exchange program offered by MSA; this program sends new sensors annually. The primary benefits of the program are that it locks in the cost of the replacement sensors for a period of two (2) years and that price includes a credit for return of the expired sensors. We would like to enroll the North Pump Station Facilities in the same program, as we take over operation and maintenance of those facilities. The two (2) year cost of enrollment is \$5,880. Following discussion and upon motion by Price supported by Nix; it was

R-16-06-40 Resolved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Operations to enroll in the Mine Safety Appliances Company Sensor X-Change Program for a cost of \$5,880.

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Ayes: LaJoy, Nix, Price

Nays: None

Absent: None


The next order of business was Chairman's Report: There was none

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

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

There being no further business to come before the Board, the regular meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Philip LaJoy,  
Chairperson