

Western Townships Utilities Authority
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, August 25, 2025
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, August 25, 2025 in the WTUA Middle Rouge Conference Room, 40905 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan 48187. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Chairperson, Anne Marie Graham-Hudak.

Present:

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak
Cynthia Jankowski (Northville Township)
Charles Curmi

Absent:

Mark Abbo

Also present were:

Aaron Sprague
Suzanne Balan
Alex Steffensky
Mark Houle

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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-25-08-53 Resolved to accept the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Curmi

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was the minutes of the regular meeting of June 23, 2025. Following discussion and upon motion by Curmi and supported by Graham-Hudak; it was

R-25-08-54 Resolved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of June 23, 2025

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Curmi

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was the minutes of the regular meeting of July 21, 2025. Following discussion and upon motion by Curmi and supported by Graham-Hudak; it was

R-25-08-55 Resolved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of July 21, 2025

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Curmi

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was the minutes of the Study Session of July 21, 2025. Following discussion and upon motion by Curmi and supported by Graham-Hudak; it was

R-25-08-56 Resolved to accept the minutes of the study session of July 21, 2025

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Curmi

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

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

R-25-08-57 Resolved to approve the schedule of disbursements for August 2025 of \$967,027.98 and pre-approved payroll for September 2025 of \$34,812.41.

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Curmi

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was the Operations and Maintenance Report for the month of July 2025. Following discussion and upon motion by Curmi, supported by Graham-Hudak, it was

R-25-08-58 Resolved to receive and file the Operations and Maintenance Report for the month of July 2025.

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Curmi

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was the Directors Report for the month of August 2025: Following discussion and upon motion by Curmi supported by Graham-Hudak; it was

R-25-08-59 Resolved to receive and file the Directors Report for the month of August 2025.

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Curmi

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was the Financial Statements For The Nine Months Ended June 30, 2025: Following discussion and upon motion by Curmi supported by Graham-Hudak; it was

R-25-08-60 Resolved to receive and file the financial statements for the nine months ended June 30, 2024.

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Curmi

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was WTUA Proposed Annual Budget; Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and Opt Out of P.A. 152 of 2011, amended by P.A. 270 of 2013: Article X of the WTUA Articles of Incorporation states "...The Commission shall prepare, adopt and submit to the legislative bodies of the constituent municipalities an annual budget covering the proposed expenditures to be made for the organizing and operating of such Authority, and for the next fiscal year beginning October 1st, such budget to be submitted on or before September 1st of each calendar year." Section 7.5 of the 2000 WTUA Finance and Service Agreement with the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth states "WTUA shall annually submit a budget to each of the Townships for its approval in August of each year". Version 2 of the Proposed Annual Budget which was used for the Board Study Session was or will be presented to each Township and approved on the following dates: Canton Township – August 12, 2025; Northville Township – August 21, 2025; and will be presented to Plymouth Township – August 26, 2025. There has only been one change to the Budget since the Study Session; a decrease to Admin-Furniture (\$30,000) due to the estimate coming in much lower than expected for carpet replacement. The YTD and projected figures for the current fiscal year were updated, which is for informational purposes only. Public Act 152 of 2011 set limits to the amount that public employers may contribute to medical benefit plans. The limits for medical plan coverage years beginning after January 1, 2025 are \$7,718.26 for single, \$16,141.28 for two person plans and \$21,049.85 for family plans. With the change in rate structure by BCBS in 2014 where rates are based upon the age of all covered persons, the premiums will NOT be under these caps. Following discussion and upon motion by Curmi supported by Graham-Hudak; it was resolved that

R-25-08-61 Whereas, WTUA is required to prepare, adopt and submit to the legislative bodies of the constituent municipalities an annual Budget covering the proposed expenditures to be made for the organizing and operating of such Authority; and

Whereas, the Authority has prepared a budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and

Whereas, the Authority has presented and received approval from Canton and Northville Townships, and will present to Plymouth Township on August 26, 2025; and

Therefore, be it resolved that the departmental budget for the Authority for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026 is hereby approved in the amounts as presented on page 1 of the Proposed Annual Budget, contingent on the approval from Plymouth Township, and

Further, that the quarterly reporting to the Board is to include the line item detail as presented in the Supplemental Information of the Proposed Annual Budget, and

Further, that the Authority opt out of Public Act 152 of 2011 as amended by Public Act 270 of 2013, for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Curmi

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was Capital Improvement Program; August 2025: The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is reviewed and updated on an annual basis. The upcoming projects for 2026 were discussed at the WTUA Budget Study Session held on July 21, 2025. No changes were made since the draft version presented at the Board Study Session. WTUA bills the townships annually in January of each year for Capital Improvement projects and reconciles what was spent versus what WTUA billed each township in a lookback calculation done periodically to adjust allocations if need be.

Following discussion and upon motion by Curmi supported by Graham-Hudak; it was

- R-25-08-62 Resolved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Operations to adopt the WTUA Capital Improvement Program for 2026 as presented; and
Further, to revise/establish the capital budget for fiscal year 25-26 based upon this program.

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Curmi

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was proposed Middle Rouge Pump 4 Repair. The Middle Rouge Lift Station utilizes six (6) pumps to lift the wastewater, which then flows by gravity to the Lower Rouge Pump Station; Pumps #3, #4 are the day-to-day pumps with the remaining pumps being used primarily only in wet weather. These pumps began operation in 2009. Pump #4 has been out of service for quite some time, having suffered significant damage to the upper end (electrical components) due to weather incursion. After receiving the preliminary pricing from Kennedy Industries for repairs, we investigated alternative repair costs as well as potential replacement costs. We received estimates from two (2) additional pump repair shops (Detroit Pump and Velocity Pump), and received pricing for a replacement in kind as well as two (2) alternate manufacturers (Sulzer and KSB). Velocity Pump and Controls (Burton) provided the lowest cost for these repairs, at \$40,405 (with an additional \$9,990 if the stator needs to be rewound). The repairs will include; new terminal blocks, terminal plate and cable grommets; complete disassembly, cleaning and inspection of the pump; clean, bake, and test stator assembly, complete balancing of rotating assembly; reassembly and air testing of the pump; new coolant in the seal chamber; new seals, bearings, and O-rings; electrical testing and test run; repainting (as necessary); deliver, install, startup, and test run.

Velocity Pump has indicated a lead time of 14 weeks for these repairs. A new pump will cost approximately three (3) times the quoted repair cost.

Following discussion and upon motion by Curmi, supported by Graham Hudak; it was

- R-25-08-63 Resolved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Operations to authorize the repairs to the Middle Rouge Pump #4 by Velocity Pump and Controls (Burton) for a fee not to exceed \$50,395

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Curmi

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

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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 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Marie Graham-Hudak,
Chairperson