

Western Townships Utilities Authority
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 26, 2026
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, January 26, 2026 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
Mark Abbo
Charles Curmi

Absent:

Also present were:

Aaron Sprague
Suzanne Balan
Alex Steffensky
Mark Houle
Keith Szymanski

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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-26-01-01 Resolved to accept the agenda as presented.

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

The next order of business was the minutes of the regular meeting of December 15, 2025. Following discussion and upon motion by Abbo and supported by Curmi; it was

R-26-01-02 Resolved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of December 15, 2025

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

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

R-26-01-03 Resolved to approve the schedule of disbursements for January 2026 of \$906,740.05 and pre-approved payroll for February 2026 of \$36,053.55.

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

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

R-26-01-04 Resolved to receive and file the Operations and Maintenance Report for the month of December 2025.

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Abbo, Curmi

Nays: None

Absent: None

The next order of business was the Directors Report for the month of January 2026: Following discussion and upon motion by Abbo, supported by Curmi; it was

R-26-01-05 Resolved to receive and file the Directors Report for the month of January 2026.

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Abbo, Curmi

Nays: None

Absent: None

The next order of business was Audit; Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2025: On April 18, 2025, Plante & Moran was authorized by the WTUA Board of Commissioners to perform an audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025. Plante & Moran has completed the Audit, and it was reviewed by the Finance Committee on January 14, 2026. Keith Szymanski of Plante & Moran was present to answer questions from the Board. Following discussion and upon motion by Abbo supported by Curmi, it was resolved that

R-26-01-06 Resolved to receive and file the financial statements for the twelve months ended September 30, 2025.

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Abbo, Curmi

Nays: None

Absent: None

The next order of business was LRNPS Pumps 9 and 10 Replacement: Pumps 9, 10, and 11 in the Lower Rough North Pump Station (LRNPS) were installed during the Lower Rouge Expansion project and were a primary source of the litigation over that project. The pumps showed excessive vibration from the start; while we were ultimately able to reduce and mitigate the vibration levels of the pumps, it has long been expected that these pumps would need to be replaced sooner rather than later. In early 2023, we requested pricing for a new Patterson pump (as we have previously installed in the South Pump Station, Pumps 4 and 5), as those pumps have performed very well for us. Unfortunately, we still have not yet received pricing from Kennedy/Patterson. As such, we provided a full year's worth of pump data (from our SCADA) to Detroit Pump and asked if they could recommend a replacement pump. Detroit Pump identified a Cornell Pump, which we ordered and installed last spring. The Cornell Pump has been operating very well, with no vibration issues at all. As such, late last summer we requested pricing from Detroit Pump for two (2) additional pumps to replace Pumps 9 and 10.

Unfortunately, the initial price quoted by Detroit Pump/Cornell was significantly higher than that quoted for the initial pump. As such, we looked into other options. Detroit pump got word of our looking around and worked with Cornell to reduce the price to \$308,890 for the two (2) pumps. While this is still more than the price of the original order, it is comparable with other alternatives identified. Coupled with the fact that we have been very happy with the operation of the Cornell Pump, I believe that this is our best alternative. As such, we locked in the quote at the end of '25, pending Board approval. We are currently working with a few reputable mechanical contractors to get pricing for the installation of the new pumps, including modifications to the existing concrete support pad and influent and effluent piping. I expect the new pricing to come in at about the same as the pump cost (\$300,000), Given the long lead time for the pumps, I would like to order the pump now, to lock in the price at the '25 cost, while we evaluate the installation proposals, and award the installation work at a Board meeting in the upcoming months. Following discussion and upon motion by Abbo, supported by Curmi; it was

R-26-01-07 Resolved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Operations to issue a Purchase Order to Detroit Pump (Warren, MI) for two (2) new Cornell Model 14NHG28-F2024 Horizontal Dry-Pit centrifugal pumps for a price not-to-exceed \$308,890.

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Abbo, Curmi

Nays: None

Absent: None

The next order of business was LRSPS Wet Well Cleaning: As you may recall, WTUA has contracted with Taplin for cleaning and inspection of the sanitary sewer system and pump station wet wells. The Lower Rough South Pump Station (LRSPS) wet well was scheduled to be cleaned in 2024. However, in order to perform this work, existing isolation equipment must be used to isolate the compartments of the wet well. This isolation is needed to both provide an environment that the work is effective (no flow into the compartment while the work is performed), as well as a safe environment for the workers to perform the work. Unfortunately, some of the isolation equipment is either inoperable or ineffective. Jacobs staff has worked extensively to provide repairs and/or a workaround. Taplin has observed the current staff has been able to achieve and has indicated that additional isolation will be required to do the work. This additional isolation work is expected to add \$49,643.44. Additionally, the contractual price included disposal locally, at the Arbor Hills Landfill, under WTUA's disposal agreement. However, past experience has shown that such disposal for much of the removed material is not possible (does not meet the permitted discharge requirements). As such, Taplin has estimated additional disposal costs of \$17,454.90. Each of the Authority's wet wells is cleaned on a five (5) year rotation. As mentioned above, this wet well is now two (2) years behind schedule and is in need of cleaning. WTUA and Jacobs are currently meeting with Stantec to determine a cost effect, permanent solution to the isolation equipment failure; however, the wet well is very much in need of cleaning. Following discussion and upon motion by Abbo, supported by Curmi; it was

R-26-01-08 Resolved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Operations to approve additional budget to Taplin Group for the cleaning of the LRSPPS Wet Well for time and materials not to exceed \$67,098.34.

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Abbo, Curmi

Nays: None

Absent: None

The next order of business was 2026 SSOM Work Plan Update: Since 1992, WTUA is required to update the annual Sanitary Sewer Operations & Maintenance (SSOM) Program Work Plan under the Abatement Order by February 1st of each year. The SSOM is a guidance document in performing maintenance on the WTUA system and providing general information on procedures should a sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) discharge ever occur in the system. Following discussion and upon motion by Abbo supported by Curmi; it was

R-26-01-09 Moved to receive and file the annual 2026 SSOM Work Plan Update prepared by the Director of Operations.

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Abbo, Curmi

Nays: None

Absent: None

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 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Marie Graham-Hudak,
Chairperson