

Western Townships Utilities Authority
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 27, 2008
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 27, 2008 in the WTUA Middle Rouge Conference Room, 40905 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan 48187. The meeting was called to order at 3:14 p.m. by Chairperson, Thomas J. Yack.

Present:

Thomas Yack
Richard Reaume

Absent:

Mark Abbo

Also present were:

Aaron Sprague WTUA
Jack Polhill CH2MHILL OMI

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

R-08-10-90 Resolved to accept the agenda as amended, deleting Item #VIII(c) Middle Rouge Pump Replacement; Phase III – Advertise For Bids.

Ayes: Yack, Reaume
Nays: None
Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was minutes of the regular meeting of September 22, 2008. Following discussion and upon motion by Reaume supported by Yack; it was

R-08-10-91 Resolved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of September 22, 2008 as presented.

Ayes: Yack, Reaume
Nays: None
Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was Treasurer's Report. Following discussion and upon motion by Reaume supported by Yack; it was

R-08-10-92 Resolved to approve the schedule of disbursements for October, 2008, including the lease payment for November of \$2,063,791.89 and pre-approved payroll for November of \$17,900.60.

Ayes: Yack, Reaume
Nays: None
Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was Operations and Maintenance Report for the month of September 2008. Following discussion and upon motion by Reaume supported by Yack; it was

R-08-10-93 Resolved to receive and file the Operations and Maintenance Report for the month of September 2008.

Ayes: Yack, Reaume

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was Directors Report for the month of October 2008. Following discussion and upon motion by Reaume supported by Yack; it was

R-08-10-94 Resolved to receive and file the Directors Report for the month of October 2008.

Ayes: Yack, Reaume

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was Lower Rouge EQ Basin Expansion Quarterly Report: Following discussion and upon motion by Reaume supported by Yack; it was

R-08-10-95 Resolved to receive and file the Lower Rouge EQ Basin Expansion Quarterly Report from the Director of Operations.

Ayes: Yack, Reaume

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was Fiscal Year 2007/2008 Audit Engagement Letter. WTUA is preparing for the annual audit for the 2007/2008 fiscal year. The audit will be conducted in December and the report will be issued in January of 2009. Following discussion and upon motion by Reaume supported by Yack; it was

R-08-10-96 Resolved to concur with the Director of Operations that;
Whereas, Public Act II of 1968 requires an annual audit of the Authority's financial statements; and
Whereas, Plante & Moran has offered to provide such a service under generally accepted standards; and
Whereas, Plante & Moran has agreed to perform such work and send directly to the State of Michigan an electronic copy of the financial report with Plante & Moran's official letter of comments, recommendations and their auditing procedures; and

Therefore be it resolved that Plante & Moran is authorized to perform such work as outlined in their letter of October 13, 2008, at a cost not to exceed \$13,300.00; and

Further, that the Director of Operations sign the engagement letter on behalf of the Authority.

Ayes: Reaume, Henningsen

Nays: None

Absent: Yack, Abbo

The next order of business was WTUA Bank Change: Due to the recent financial instability in Banks, WTUA has decided it would be best to change to a Bank with more financial stability. WTUA currently has one checking account with a sweep feature with National City Bank, which had the lowest rating possible when we checked three months ago. WTUA looked at three Banks; Comerica Bank, Bank of America and Chase Bank. After analysis of each Bank's holding company's financial statements and obtaining information on the costs of the bank account as well as earnings for the sweep feature, we feel that Chase Bank would be the best choice for WTUA. Following discussion and upon motion by Reaume supported by Yack; it was

R-08-10-97 Resolved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Operations to approve the opening of a new operating checking account with Chase Bank; and

Further, that the Board members and the Director of Operations sign the necessary paperwork to make this change.

Ayes: Yack, Reaume

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

Under Other Business, Aaron Sprague, Director of Operations, discussed the possibility of the Supervisors being able to designate other Township officials to serve on the WTUA Board of Commissioners or more than one alternate being designated. After discussion on this subject, it was agreed that this issue should be looked into and that the WTUA By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation and Public Act 233 should be reviewed and the WTUA Attorney consulted to gain a better understanding of this issue and to report the findings at a later meeting.

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

The next order of business was Commissioners' Comments: Chairman Thomas Yack asked Aaron Sprague, Director of WTUA Operations, if he would be interested in being involved in discussions relative to the issue of using methane gas for power for any aspects of WTUA and if so he would send Aaron notification of a meeting in the near future. Discussions on this issue resumed and as Aaron Sprague indicated he would be interested, Chairman Thomas Yack said he would find out when the meeting was being held and would inform Aaron so he could attend.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the regular meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Yack
Chairperson