

Western Townships Utilities Authority
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 23, 2009
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, February 23, 2009 in the WTUA Middle Rouge Conference Room, 40905 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan 48187. The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Chairperson, Phil LaJoy.

Present:

Phil LaJoy
Richard Reaume

Absent:

Mark Abbo

Also present were:

Aaron Sprague WTUA
Cindy Cezat 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-09-02-14 Resolved to accept the agenda as presented.

Ayes: LaJoy, Reaume
Nays: None
Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was minutes of the regular meeting of January 26, 2009. Following discussion and upon motion by Reaume supported by LaJoy; it was

R-09-02-15 Resolved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of January 26, 2009 as presented.

Ayes: LaJoy, Reaume
Nays: None
Absent: Abbo

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

R-09-02-16 Resolved to approve the schedule of disbursements for February, 2009 of \$904,147.32 and pre-approved payroll for March, 2009 of \$18,067.63.

Ayes: LaJoy, Reaume
Nays: None
Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was Operations and Maintenance Report for the month of January 2009. Following discussion and upon motion by Reaume supported by LaJoy; it was

R-09-02-17 Resolved to receive and file the Operations and Maintenance Report for the month of January 2009.

Ayes: LaJoy, Reaume

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was Directors Report for the month of February 2009. Following discussion and upon motion by Reaume supported by LaJoy; it was

R-09-02-18 Resolved to receive and file the Directors Report for the month of February 2009.

Ayes: LaJoy, Reaume

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was Financial Statements for the Three Months Ended December 31, 2008: Following discussion and upon motion by Reaume supported by LaJoy; it was

R-09-02-19 Resolved to receive and file the financial statements for the three months ended December 31, 2008.

Ayes: LaJoy, Reaume

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was 2009 Goals: Annually, WTUA undertakes a collaborative process to establish organizational goals for the year. The Goals were distributed to the Planning Committee for their review and comments. Following discussion and upon motion by Reaume supported by LaJoy; it was

R-09-02-20 Resolved to approve the 2009 Goals as presented.

Ayes: LaJoy, Reaume

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was Election of Officers: According to Article VII of the Articles of Incorporation, the Authority must select Officers of the Commission annually. Article VI of the WTUA By-Laws defines the roles for these Officers of the Commission Following discussion and upon motion by Reaume supported by LaJoy; it was

R-09-02-21 Resolved that the following officers be elected for the next twelve months; Phil LaJoy-Chair, Mark Abbo-Vice-Chair/Secretary, Richard Reaume-Treasurer, Aaron Sprague, Assistant Secretary.

Ayes: LaJoy, Reaume

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was SSOM Work Plan Update. Since 1992, WTUA has been required to furnish an Annual Sanitary Sewer Operations and Maintenance (SSOM) Program Work Plan to the MDEQ under the Abatement Order. The SSOM serves as 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. The WTUA SSOM Work Plan was written consistent with the proposed EPA rules on SSO. Following discussion and upon motion by Reaume supported by LaJoy; it was

R-09-02-22 Resolved to receive and file the annual SSOM Work Plan Update prepared by the Director of Operations

Ayes: LaJoy, Reaume

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was Lower Rouge Expansion; Change Order No 3: The Lower Rouge Expansion Project evolved due to a Sanitary Sewer Master Plan Update completed by Canton Township, which included a flow metering study. The data collected in this study was used to project the overall needs of the local (townships) and regional (WTUA) sanitary sewer systems, as well as the wastewater treatment capacity needs of the township. One of the conclusions of that update was that the EQ facilities at WTUA's Lower Rouge facility needed to be expanded from 5.5 million gallons to 11 mg. To date, the Lower Rouge Expansion Project has been progressing well. WTUA, through Wade-Trim Associates (WTA), has negotiated the third Change Order for the project. This Change Order includes only one (1) item representing an increase of \$120,000 (0.53% of the contract amount) and brings the total in Change Orders to date of \$236,931.48 (1.05% of the contract amount). This item represents compensation for increased costs incurred by the excavation subcontractor during the initial stages of the project. Following discussion and upon motion by Reaume supported by LaJoy, it was

R-09-02-23 Resolved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Operations, upon execution of the Release of Claims Agreement by DeMaria and Sunset, to approve Change Order No. 3 to the Lower

Rouge Expansion Project, increasing the contract price by \$120,000, to a new Contract price of \$22,805,931.48; and

Further, that the Director of Operations be authorized to execute Change Order No. 3 and the Release of Claims Agreement on behalf of the Authority.

Ayes: LaJoy, Reaume

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

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 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil LaJoy
Chairperson