

Western Townships Utilities Authority
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 28, 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, April 28, 2008 in the WTUA Middle Rouge Conference Room, 40905 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan 48187. The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Chairperson, Thomas J. Yack.

Present:

Thomas J. Yack
Richard Reaume
Richard Henningsen

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-08-04-36 Resolved to accept the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Yack, Reaume, Henningsen

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was minutes of the regular meeting of March 24, 2008. Following discussion and upon motion by Henningsen supported by Reaume; it was

R-08-04-37 Resolved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of March 24, 2008 as presented.

Ayes: Yack, Reaume, Henningsen

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

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

R-08-04-38 Resolved to approve the schedule of disbursements for April 2008 of \$1,097,252.13 and pre-approved payroll for May of \$17,662.38.

Ayes: Yack, Reaume, Henningsen

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

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

R-08-04-39 Resolved to receive and file the Operations and Maintenance Report for the month of March 2008.

Ayes: Yack, Reaume, Henningsen

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

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

R-08-04-40 Resolved to receive and file the Directors Report for the month of April 2008.

Ayes: Yack, Reaume, Henningsen

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

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

R-08-04-41 Resolved to receive and file the Lower Rouge EQ Basin Expansion Quarterly Report

Ayes: Yack, Reaume, Henningsen

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was Spare Flow Meters: The Authority maintains many meters in order to calculate and analyze the sewage flow from the Townships. Currently, WTUA has 13 Sigma meters and 11 ISCO meters installed, many of which are reaching the end of their expected life. We have had 1 Sigma meter and 1 ISCO meter become non-repairable in the last two months. WTUA has 3 spare Sigma meters and 1 spare ISCO meter. Of these spare meters, only 2 are available as 2 meters are being repaired. Due to the aging of the meters, having only 4 spare meters will not be adequate for the number of meters in use. The Operations budget for FY 2007/2008 included \$40,000 for the purchase of flow meters. Two meters were purchased in November 2007 and two meters were purchased in February 2008. Following discussion and upon motion by Henningsen, supported by Reaume; it was

R-08-04-42 Resolved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Operations to approve the purchase of two spare meters in the amount of \$8,584.00 plus shipping.

Ayes: Yack, Reaume, Henningsen

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was Lower Rouge EQ Basin Expansion; Sale of Aeration Blowers: During the design of the Lower Rouge Expansion, discussions were held with MDEQ regarding elimination of the existing blowers at the Lower Rouge facility (and potentially at the Middle Rouge facility as well), in order to reutilize the space for the new odor control equipment. Similiar facilities, more recently constructed, have not been required to install aeration equipment. MDEQ had no issues or reservations about WTUA removing this equipment from service. These blowers are intended to aerate the wastewater in the EQ basins to prevent the wastewater from going septic. After periods of testing by WTUA and OMI, the need for operation of this equipment was ruled out and has not been used or operated, other than for monthly exercising, in the past 13 years.

The construction documents for the Lower Rouge Expansion called for removal and POSSIBLE disposal of the blowers. WTUA reserved the right, contractually, to sell or dispose of the blowers if possible. YCUA has indicated a desire to utilize two (2) of these blowers (and possibly a third) at their treatment plant. We have negotiated a price of \$4,000 per blower (and associated equipment) with YCUA responsible for the removal and transportation of the equipment. There will be no guarantees or warranties on the equipment by WTUA. Following discussion and upon motion by Henningsen, supported by Reaume; it was

- R-08-04-43 Resolved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Operations to authorize sale of two (2) or three (3) aeration blowers to YCUA for a price of \$4,000 each; and
- Further, that the Director of Operations sign the Purchase Agreement on behalf of WTUA; and
- Finally, that the Director of Operations be authorized to seek a buyer(s) for the remaining blowers (one at the Lower Rouge facility and four at the Middle Rouge facility) and to execute such a sale should an acceptable offer be made.
- Ayes: Yack, Reaume, Henningsen
Nays: None
Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was YCUA Plant Expansion Update. Following discussion and upon motion by Henningsen supported by Reaume; it was

- R-08-04-44 Resolved to receive and file the report on the YCUA expansion project from the Director of Operations.
- Ayes: Yack, Reaume, Henningsen
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.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the regular meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Yack
Chairperson