

Western Townships Utilities Authority
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, June 23, 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, June 23, 2008 in the WTUA Middle Rouge Conference Room, 40905 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan 48187. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 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-08-06-55 Resolved to accept the agenda as amended, adding Item #VIII (b) Request For Qualifications; Stormwater General Permit Contested Case Filing.

Ayes: Yack, Reaume, Henningsen

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was minutes of the regular meeting of May 19, 2008. Following discussion and upon motion by Henningsen supported by Reaume; it was

R-08-06-56 Resolved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of May 19, 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-08-06-57 Resolved to approve the schedule of disbursements for June 2008 of \$3,434,337.70 and pre-approved payroll for July 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 May 2008. Following discussion and upon motion by Henningsen supported by Reaume ; it was

R-08-06-58 Resolved to receive and file the Operations and Maintenance Report for the month of May 2008.

Ayes: Yack, Reaume, Henningsen

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

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

R-08-06-59 Resolved to receive and file the Directors Report for the month of June 2008.

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 14 Sigma meters and 10 ISCO meters installed, of which one of the Sigma meters is in a site which needs to be an ISCO meter due to SCADA compatibility. Two Sigma meters have become non-repairable in the past month. WTUA currently has 2 Sigma meters and 2 ISCO meters which 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 fiscal year 2007/2008 included \$40,000 for the purchase of flow meters as WTUA anticipated that many meters were reaching the end of their expected life. Following discussion and upon motion by Henningsen, supported by Reaume ; it was

R-08-06-60 Resolved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Operations to approve the purchase of two spare meters for \$8,584.00, plus shipping.

Ayes: Yack, Reaume, Henningsen

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was Request For Qualifications; Stormwater General Permit Contested Case Filing: On May 22, 2008 MDEQ issued new General Stormwater permits to the three member Townships. The Townships have sixty (60) days from that issuance to file a contested case, and would like to do so. The Planning Committee has indicated that they would

like for WTUA to handle the contested cases on behalf of the Townships. In order to file the contested cases, legal counsel will be required. As such, I would like to issue a Request For Qualifications to firms known to be familiar with the May 22nd permit issuance. The three firms are; Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, Butzel-Long, and Plunkett & Cooney. Following discussion and upon motion by Henningsen, supported by Reaume; it was

- R-08-06-61 Resolved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Operations to issue a Request For Qualifications to the three firms known to be familiar with the May 22nd permit issuance (Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, Butzel-Long and Plunkett & Cooney) for the legal representation for filing contested cases related to the General Stormwater Permits issued to the three Townships on May 22nd; and Further, that the Director of Operations be authorized to select a firm based on review of the qualification packages submitted; and Finally, that WTUA, with the help of the Township staff and the selected firm, file contested cases for the General Stormwater Permits on behalf of the Townships.

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-08-06-62 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.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the regular meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Yack,
Chairperson