

**Western Townships Utilities Authority**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
Monday, October 26, 2020  
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 26, 2020 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 the Chairperson, Robert Nix.

Present:

Robert Nix  
Kurt Heise  
Pat Williams

Absent:

Also present were:

Aaron Sprague  
Jack Polhill

WTUA  
JACOBS/OMI

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

R-20-10-65 Resolved to accept the agenda as presented.

Ayes Nix, Williams, Heise  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

The next order of business was the minutes of the regular meeting of September 28, 2020. Following discussion and upon motion by Williams, supported by Heise; it was

R-20-10-66 Resolved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of September 28, 2020.

Ayes: Nix, Williams, Heise  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

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

R-20-10-67 Resolved to approve the schedule of disbursements for October 2020 of \$1,101,324.97 and pre-approved payroll for November 2020 of \$21,909.20.

Ayes: Nix, Williams, Heise  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

The next order of business was the Operations and Maintenance Report for the month of September 2020. Following discussion and upon motion by Heise supported by Williams, it was

R-20-10-68 Resolved to receive and file the Operations and Maintenance Report for the month of September 2020.

Ayes: Nix, Williams, Heise

Nays: None

Absent: None

The next order of business was the Directors Report for the month of October 2020: Following discussion and upon motion by Heise supported by Williams; it was

R-20-10-69 Resolved to receive and file the Directors Report for the month of October 2020.

Ayes: Nix, Williams, Heise

Nays: None

Absent: None

The next order of business was Contract 10 Sanitary Sewer Maintenance; Three (3) Year Extension: WTUA has its sanitary sewer interceptors cleaned and CCTV inspected on a five (5) year cycle, per agreement with the MDEQ (the Michigan Avenue Interceptor, part of the Redirection Project, is cleaned every other year rather than once every fifth year). The Taplin Group, through its various names and entities over the years, has performed this maintenance and inspection since 2001. In 2017, WTUA and Taplin negotiated a five (5) year renewal for continuation of this service; however, the Board directed the staff to request competitive pricing, as the work was last "bid" (proposals were received, rather than bids) in 2003. WTUA developed an RFP for this work based on the Contract 10 document that was prepared in 2017, and agreed upon by Taplin and notified ten (10) contractors known to perform this service (based on historic bids/proposals, as well as updates based on other communities' recent similar request(s) of the RFP. Three (3) proponents submitted proposals, with Taplin submitting the lowest cost. While WTUA typically issues five (5) year contracts for the cleaning (encompassing one full cycle of cleaning and inspection of the system, Contract 10 was issued as a two (2) year contract with an optional renewal for the remaining three (3) years. Taplin has completed the work for the first two years; therefore, I am requesting an extension of the Contract for the remaining three (3) years of the cycle. In addition, the current year's cleaning included the Middle Rouge Wet Well. The RFP indicated that the contractor should assume that 10 yards of debris should be removed from the wet well (this was provided by WTUA in order to ensure comparable costs from each of the proponents) and the contract indicated that debris removal in excess of this amount would be compensated for by a negotiated Change Order. Taplin removed in excess of 33 yards of debris, including some sludge that could not be dewatered and required alternate disposal. A Change Order was negotiated in the amount of \$10,141.81 for the additional labor required to remove the additional debris. However, this is partially offset by a negotiated reduction for the cleaning of the Lower Rouge South wet well of \$4,002.25 due to the debris being lower than anticipated. Finally, the two (2) year contract was

to have an aggregate total of no more than \$250,000. Due to this proposed increase, in addition to higher than expected disposal costs for both the Middle Rouge and Lower Rouge North debris and some emergency work performed under the contract, I am requesting that this aggregate total (for the first two years of work) be increased to \$265,000. Following discussion and upon motion by Williams supported by Heise; it was

R-20-10-70 Resolved to concur with the Director of Operations to extend Contract 10 with Taplin Group (Kalamazoo) for three (3) years; and

Further, that the total aggregate value of the contract be increased from no greater than \$250,000 to no greater than \$265,000 over the two (2) year period; and

Finally, that the Director of Operations and WTUA attorney draft, and the Director sign the extension on behalf of the Authority.

Ayes: Nix, Williams, Heise

Nays: None

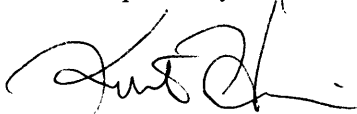
Absent: None

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 3:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kurt L. Heise,  
Treasurer