

SISTER LAKES AREA UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Sister Lakes Area Utilities Authority regular meeting for April 11, 2024.

Mr. Laylin, acting Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm, members present are Mr. Kays and Mr. Billingham. Absent Mr. Blackmond and Mr. Moore.

Mr. Laylin amended the Agenda for the April 11, 2024 meeting by adding under New Business; e; Michigan Class Investments. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Mr. Laylin and supported by Mr. Billingham. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 28, 2024 as presented was made by Mr. Kays and supported by Mr. Billingham. Motion carried.

Call for Public Comment: 1:33 pm. Bill Saunders addressed the board members with a proposal by a neighbor, Mr. Mead, to clean and fix/repair the fence line on the east side of the SLAUA building property. Mr. Laylin volunteered to meet with Mr. Mead to go over what is being proposed. Public comment closed at 1:35 pm.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Mr. Kays. The Bills and Claims for April in the amount of \$110,922.24 was presented for payment a motion was made by Mr. Laylin and supported by Mr. Billingham. Roll call vote - Ayes- Mr. Kays, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes – None. Motion carried. \$24,558.68 was transferred to the Indian Lake Sewer account.

As of April 11, 2024 the balance in the Maintenance account is \$2,165,217.34.

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Mr. Billingham presented a timeline of events involving the system:

- 4-2 B-8 High level alarm, re-set floats.**
- 4-4 B-8 High level alarm, re-adjusted floats**
- 4-9 A-1 Communication problem with Mission Controls, the issue is being worked on.**

A review of the costs and insurance payments for the B-1 Lift station was presented.

Wightman recommendations update; The SLAUA system 7 of the 9 wet wells are complete. Manhole lining along M-51 & M-152 all complete, that is 15 in total. The discharge manholes, those are what the lift stations pumped into, 17 of 19 are done

OLD-UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Indian Lake Sewer update: Silver Creek Township board approved the annual payment to SLAUA.

Maple Island manholes; Mr. Billingham re-evaluated the manholes, his suggestion to the board is to split the cost of repairs on 2 manholes, not to exceed \$2500.00, with the association paving the road. A motion the share the cost of manhole repair not to exceed \$2500.00 was made by Mr. Kays and supported by Mr. Laylin. Roll call vote-Ayes-Mr. Kays, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes-None. Motion carried.

INDIAN LAKE SEWER

Mr. Billingham reported that nothing of significance occurred in the system.

All 6 discharge manhole linings have been done. The 10 imperfect manhole linings have all now been completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Officer elections: Mr. Laylin made a motion to keep officers as they are currently, supported by Mr. Kays. Nominations are; Mr. Blackmond, Chairperson, Mr. Moore, Vice-Chair, Mr. Kays, Treasurer and Mr. Laylin, Secretary. Roll call vote-Ayes-Mr. Kays, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes-None. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Laylin, supported by Mr. Billingham, to close nominations. Roll call vote-Ayes-Mr. Kays, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes-None. Motion carried.

Per Diem Clarification; After a review of previous meeting minutes a clarification that the Chairperson will receive a per-diem of \$250.00 per meeting and each board member will receive \$90.00 per meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Laylin to leave the chairperson per-diem at \$250.00 and board member at \$90.00 per meeting, supported by Mr. Billingham. Roll call vote-Ayes-Mr. Kays, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes-None. Motion carried.

A Tap Fee Schedule/Policy Resolution; Changes were made to resolution to clarify a few items.

P 3; replace "\$7920.00" with "current in-district fee".

P 9; replace "\$7920.00" with "Established amount".

P 10; replace "\$7920.00" with "Established fee".

Mr. Laylin made a motion to support Resolution No 41124 as amended, supported by Mr. Billingham. Roll call vote – Ayes- Mr. Kays, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes-None. Motion carried.

Mr. Blackmond will be meeting with Attorney Mitt Drew on April 16, 2024, for protentional legal representation.

Michigan Class: A discussion and a review of the investment policy. An investment resolution for Sister Lakes Area Utilities (SLAUA) will authorize Treasurer/Office Personal to transfer funds into Michigan Class. A motion was made by Mr. Kays to approve Investment Resolution No. 41124-2, supported by Mr. Billingham. Roll call vote-Ayes-Mr. Kays, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes-None. Motion carried.

Mrs. Kuriata brought to the board a proposal to leave Huntington Bank for Honor Credit Union, due to excessive service charges. Mr. Laylin made a motion to approve the movement of the checking account from Huntington Bank to Honor Credit Union, supported by Mr. Kays. Roll call vote-Ayes-Mr. Kays, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes-None. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Laylin that once the transfer has occurred, not to exceed \$250,000.00, in checking and savings accounts, supported by Mr. Kays. Roll call vote-Ayes-Mr. Kays, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes-None. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be May 9, 2024, at 1:30 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Laylin and supported by Mr. Kays to adjourn the meeting at 2:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Mrs. Kaye Smith
Recording Secretary**