

SISTER LAKES AREA UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Sister Lakes Area Utilities Authority regular meeting for August 8, 2024.

Chairman Blackmond called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm, members present are Mr. Moore, Mr. Kays, and Mr. Laylin. Mr. Billingham arrived at 1:33 pm.

A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 11, 2024 as presented was made by Mr. Laylin and supported by Mr. Moore. Motion carried.

Call for Public Comment: 1:33 pm. Public comment closed at 1:38 pm.

The Bills and Claims for August in the amount of \$57,888.66 was presented for payment a motion was made by Mr. Blackmond and supported by Mr. Billingham. Roll call vote - Ayes- Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Moore, Mr. Kays, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes – None. Motion carried.

As of August 8, 2024 the balance in the Maintenance account is \$2,368,906.27.

CITY OF DOWAGIAC

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

- 7/15 IL-1 experienced a float entanglement with caused false alarms.**
- 7/16 B-8 & C-6 High level alarms, Heavy rainstorms.**
- 7/17 IL-6 generator alarm, issue resolved.**
- 7/18 C-1 Lift station lining completed.**
- 7/29 B-4, B-5 & B-6 Power outages, short duration ½ hour.**
- 8/2 B-2 & B-3 Power outage, generator set then pulled when power was restored.**
- 8/6 B-1 by-pass generator placed for next day for cabinet work.**
- 8/7 B-1 Fergueson installed new cabinet, New mission still back ordered, old mission was installed. An issue with Pump 1 was discovered, there is leaking around the volute, it will be pulled. Pump 2 is being used as the primary and the by-pass pump is in place.**

Wightman update: ART has finished the wet well lining with the completion of B-4 and C-1 on 7/17 & 7/23. The manhole lining for M215 and M55 was finished on 7/22 & 7/24. This completes the manhole maintenance portion of the Wightman recommendations.

ART has also completed repairs on C-9 lining. All linings will be inspected this fall.

OLD-UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Attorney Mitt Drew from Butzel Attorneys and Counselors, has sent the letter of engagement for legal services. Mr. Laylin made a motion to engage the new firm, supported by Mr. Billingham. Motion carried.

INDIAN LAKE SEWER

Mr. Billingham reported on a few incidents in the Indian Lake system, please refer back to “City of Dowagiac” timeline.

NEW BUSINESS

A proposal from Culligan water to provide delivery of water softener salt on an as need basis. Mr. Blackmond made the motion to approve the proposal as given, supported by Mr. Laylin. Roll call vote-Ayes-Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Moore, Mr. Kays, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes-None. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jon Mitchell inquired on a sewer hook-up at 31365 Currans Beach Rd (14-130-004-050-37), this parcel was not in the original sewer district. The owner will need to acquire easements through neighboring properties.

A motion by Mr. Laylin to recess for a short time was given at 2:07 pm.

At 2:10 pm the board reconvened.

Mr. Blackmond presented an update on the bidding process of the B-1 plumbing re-design. Wightman has revised the design and scope of the project, therefore the project will go back out for bidding. Mr. Laylin made the motion to nullify the previous design and scope of the B-1 project, and that the re-design be placed out for bidding, supported by Mr. Blackmond. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be September 12, 2024, at 1:30 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Laylin and supported by Mr. Blackmond to adjourn the meeting at 2:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Mrs. Kaye Smith
Recording Secretary**