

SISTER LAKES AREA UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Sister Lakes Area Utilities Authority regular meeting for December 28, 2023.

Chairman Blackmond called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm, members present are Mr. Kays, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. Mr. Moore was absent.

A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 9, 2023 was made by Mr. Kays and supported by Mr. Laylin. Motion carried.

Call for Public Comment: 1:32 pm. No public was in attendance.

The Bills and Claims for November in the amount of \$234,171.84 was presented for payment a motion was made by Mr. Laylin and supported by Mr. Billingham. Roll call vote - Ayes- Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Kays, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes – None. Motion carried. \$11,078.44 was transferred to Indian Lake Sewer.

As of November 9, 2023 the balance in the Maintenance account is \$2,274,106.13.

CITY OF DOWAGIAC

Mr. Billingham gave a B-1 Lift Station update: Plummers has sprayed the new lining on the inside of the wet well. Selge has completed the new piping and have back filled the area. Selge has also had Bender Electric come in to work on the Control Panel, then Ferguson was called in to get the pumps working.

Pressure/flow testing will continue in the spring to complete Wightman recommendations.

The manhole monitor for the NW manhole at Magician Lake has arrived and will be installed. An update will be provided at the next scheduled meeting.

OLD-UNFINISHED

SEMCO claim – No movement.

BS&A billing installation update; the software has been installed and is running.

Invoice Cloud data extractions will begin soon. Plan on going live January 10, 2024.

BS&A Accounting was discussed to replace QuickBooks, which is phasing out. A proposal was made to review the system after Silver Creek Township goes live at the end of January 2024.

Indian Lake contract update; there has been no movement. A motion was made by Mr. Blackmond with the proposal of sending Silver Creek Township a notice, with the amended agreement and consider this the thirty (30) day notice of cancellation. This was supported by Mr. Kays. Roll call vote-Ayes- Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Kays, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes-None. Motion carried.

INDIAN LAKE SEWER

Lift station 6, Pump 1 was bound up from debris, it was flushed out and is running normally.

ART will begin work on lining the manholes on January 15, 2024.

There was a short power outage on December 8, 2023. No problems reported.

Skorupa Electric sent a quote for lighting at six (6) lift stations in the amount of \$11,460.00. Mr. Billingham had some questions for Skorupa. Mr. Laylin made a motion that this proposal will need to go before Silver Creek Township for their approval, this was supported by Mr. Kays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Journeyman Electric sent a proposal for Generator Placement for \$3062.52. A motion was made to accept the proposal by Mr. Blackmond and supported by Mr. Laylin. Roll call vote-Ayes- Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Kays, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes – None. Motion carried.

Michigan Cat sent a work order for \$667.18. This is for the repair of the pump borrowed from Cassopolis. A motion was made to approve the work order by Mr. Laylin and supported by Mr. Blackmond. Roll call vote- Ayes- Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Kays, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes-None. Motion carried.

A quote from Michigan Cat was received for outfitting the second by-pass pump for \$4,063.03, this is replacing pervious quote of \$11,694.07. A motion was made to accept the new quote of \$4,063.03 by Mr. Kays and supported by Mr. Billingham. Roll call vote-Ayes-Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Kays, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes- None. Motion carried.

MacAllister Rental-Michigan Cat sent an invoice for equipment rental for by-pass pump/dewatering kit for \$1,935.25. There were some questions, Mr. Billingham will talk with MacAllister for clarification.

Snow removal proposals were discussed, more quotes are needed. An agreement with Mr. Luna, in the intermit, to plow for \$60.00 per job. A motion was made by Mr. Blackmond and supported by Mr. Kays, with the matter being taken up at the January meeting. Roll call vote-Ayes- Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Kays, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes-None. Motion carried.

Maple Island-Paving: two (2) manholes will need to be raised. Compton will send a quote for the readjusting, which will be sent to Maple Island association. This will not be paid by SLAUA.

Mr. Brian Travis wants to hook up to the sewer at Karl St. and County Line Rd. It is a 200 ft extension that would have to be paid by him. There is a manhole and access along the road. Permission will be needed from Cass County Road Commission. A recommendation of using a 6inch pipe, with all the permits and costs associated. This will be a private extension.

The next meeting will be January 11, at 1:30 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Laylin and supported by Mr. Billingham to adjourn the meeting at 2:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Mrs. Kaye Smith
Recording Secretary**

