

SISTER LAKES AREA UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

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

Mr. Blackmond added to the agenda under “New Business” a proposal from Culligan for a new water treatment filter system.

A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 13, 2024 as presented was made by Mr. Laylin and supported by Mr. Moore. Motion carried.

Call for Public Comment: 1:31 pm.

The Bills and Claims for May in the amount of \$68,397.24 was presented for payment a motion was made by Mr. Laylin and supported by Mr. Moore. Roll call vote - Ayes-Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Moore, Mr. Kays, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes – None. Motion carried. \$19,641.70 was transferred to the Indian Lake Sewer account.

As of July 11, 2024 the balance in the Maintenance account is \$2,355,161.94.

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

- 6/19 Manhole monito installed at Magician Lake. To generate alarm when level get high
A-1 Mission replaced.**
- 6/24 B-4 power outage due to electrical maintenance.**
- 6/25 B-4, B-5, B-6 & C-3; AEP power outage. Generators places.
IL-7, C-6 & B-8 high wet well, both pumps running.**
- 6/27 Indian Lake generators serviced.
C-5 Control cabinet lag screws pulled out of 4x4 posts. Hit by vehicle.**
- 7/2 B-1 Generator water pump failed. Replacement ordered. Generator out of service.**
- 7/3 B-1 Generator water pump replaced. Back in service**
- 7/8 B-4, B-5, B-6 Power Outage, short duration.**
- 7/9 B-8 High wet well alarm, heavy rain.**
- 7/10 IL-7 High wet well, AEP power outage, short duration.
IL-4 Pump 2, tripped out.
C-6, B-8, B-1 & A-1 High wet well level alarms.**

Smoke testing of the manholes will begin, looking for any transgressions into the sewer system. A notice will be placed on the September billing of the testing.

Wightman update: Mr. Billingham had a pre-bid meeting with Mary Nykamp from Whitman, this is for B-1 plumbing work, the bid due date will be June 23, 2024.

The B-1 control cabinet has arrived and Ferguson will be placing it in the next few weeks.

ART will be finishing up the last few manholes that are in the roadway, MDOT has approved the permits. They will also be repairing the lining at B-9 that developed a defect.

EMC Insurance is waiting for further information on two (2) invoices from MacAllister. Mr. Blackmond and Mr. Billingham will review the invoices in question.

OLD-UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Attorney Mitt Drew will be following up with Mr. Blackmond in the next few weeks.

INDIAN LAKE SEWER

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

NEW BUSINESS

A proposal from Culligan water to install a water filtration system for \$ 529.00. A motion by Mr. Laylin to accept the proposal as presented, supported by Mr. Blackmond. Roll call vote-Ayes-Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Moore, Mr. Kays, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes-None. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Meredith property on Lakeview Ave, Indian Lake. After a review of all documents, it was discovered that an error had occurred and that reimbursement of \$1414.00 will need to be made. Silver Creek Township Clerk Jess Honn will process the refund from the Indian Lake Sewer fund.

Silver Creek Township has passed a resolution to raise the tap fee for Indian Lake Sewer to \$7920.00, as was recommended by the Sister Lakes Area Utilities Authority. The increase will be effective August 1, 2024. A motion to reflect the change in the Tap Fee Policy was made by Mr. Laylin and supported by Mr. Kays. Roll call vote-Ayes-Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Moore, Mr. Kays, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes-None. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be August 8, 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**