

SISTER LAKES AREA UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

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

A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 28, 2023 was made by Mr. Laylin and supported by Mr. Blackmond. Motion carried.

Call for Public Comment: 1:33 pm. No public was in attendance.

The Bills and Claims for December in the amount of \$110,661.19 was presented for payment a motion was made by Mr. Billingham and supported by Mr. Laylin. Roll call vote - Ayes- Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes – None. Motion carried. \$16,594.08 was transferred to Indian Lake Sewer.

As of December 28, 2023 the balance in the Maintenance account is \$2,228,159.50.

CITY OF DOWAGIAC

Mr. Billingham gave a B-1 Lift Station update: The relocation/reattachment of the generator by Wolverine is delayed due to a problem with the pad supplier. The pad has been ordered and should be here the week of January 15, 2024. Installation will then take place within the following two weeks.

At Cable Parkway lateral service was clogged, R&D was called to rod it out. They were unable to due to the line being clogged with roots and the clean out was in disrepair. The line was then rodded and the clean out repaired and cleaned. The invoice from R&D was presented for \$300.00. A motion was made by Mr. Laylin and supported by Mr. Blackmond to accept invoice for payment. Roll call vote – Ayes- Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes-None. Motion carries.

At five-mile corner and M-152, in reviewing the number of manholes to be lined by ART, two (2) manholes were missed in the count and were not included or inspected. Mr. Billingham has recommended that these be added at a cost of \$3600.00 per manhole. A motion was made by Mr. Blackmond to accept this recommendation, supported by Mr. Laylin. Roll call vote-Ayes-Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes-None. Motion carries.

The Control panel quote from Ferguson of \$63,920.47, the insurance carrier questioned if there would be any additional costs associated with the City of Dowagiac, for budgeting purposes. A short discussion followed and a recommendation from Mary Nykamp of Wightman, that the quote be accepted as presented. A motion was made by Mr. Blackmond and supported by Mr. Laylin to accept the Ferguson proposal. Roll call vote-Ayes-Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes-None. Motion carries.

OLD-UNFINISHED

SEMCO claim – No movement.

BS&A billing installation update; Invoice cloud went live on January 10, 2024.

Indian Lake contract update; Attry Seeber has drafted a contract. A stipulation was put in that anything over \$10,000.00, that is not an emergency, will need to go in front of the Silver Creek Township board for approval. The contract was presented to the SCT board at the January 10, 2024 meeting. It was not approved due to having been given an earlier draft of the contract that was not complete with all the pertinent information. The complete and final contract will be given to SCT board to vote on at they're next meeting on February 14, 2024. A motion was made by Mr. Laylin and supported by Mr. Billingham to accept the contract as written. Roll call vote-Ayes-Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes-None. Motion carries.

INDIAN LAKE SEWER

No Alarms or Alerts in the past month.

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

At Forest Beach, a manhole was on the list as a cementitest repair, after inspection a chip was discovered. Selge has been contacted to do the repair at less than \$3000.00. This will fall under the Capital Improvement project. The repair will be done before ART comes to line that manhole.

NEW BUSINESS

Snow Removal; A quote from Luna of \$60.00 per job and a quote from Total Tree Care of \$135.00 per job have been submitted. Mr. Blackmond made a motion to accept the proposal from Luna, supported by Mr. Laylin. Roll call vote-Ayes-Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes-None. Motion carries.

Meeting scheduled to be tabled until the March 2024 meeting.

Mary Meredith had a house demolition in 2020. There was a permit issued, but no followed up by the contractor or homeowner, the permit was not signed. The maintenance fees were never made inactive. The owner is now asking for compensation for the three (3) years they continued to pay in the amount of \$1,400.00. After a discussion, there is noting we can do, she will no longer be billed.

A discussion of the by-laws, about absenteeism of board members. Mr. Blackmond will do a review.

The next meeting will be February 8, at 1:30 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Laylin and supported by Mr. Billingham to adjourn the meeting at 2:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Mrs. Kaye Smith
Recording Secretary**