

# **SISTER LAKES AREA UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

**Minutes of the Sister Lakes Area Utilities Authority regular meeting for May 9, 2024.**

**Chairman Blackmond called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm, members present are Mr. Moore, Mr. Kays and Mr. Billingham. Absent: Mr. Laylin.**

**A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 11, 2024 as presented was made by Mr. Kays and supported by Mr. Billingham. Motion carried.**

**Call for Public Comment: 1:35 pm.**

**The Treasurer's report was presented by Mr. Kays. A motion was made by Mr. Billingham to accept report as presented, supported by Mr. Moore.**

**The Bills and Claims for April in the amount of \$51,851.20 was presented for payment a motion was made by Mr. Moore and supported by Mr. Billingham. Roll call vote - Ayes-Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Moore, Mr. Kays, and Mr. Billingham. No votes – None. Motion carried.**

**As of May 9, 2024 the balance in the Maintenance account is \$2,264,026.06.**

## **CITY OF DOWAGIAC**

**A review of B-1 Lift station status and update on costs was presented by Mr. Blackmond. EMC Insurance has paid out \$365,161.91. With \$34,200.00, the Plummer's wet well poly liner, being denied as improvement and not repair. The \$63,920.47 for Ferguson Electric control panel has unpaid balance of \$33,930.47 as depreciation, which will be paid once control panel is install. Ship date for the control panel, is May 16, 2024 and will be installed within thirty (30) days. There is \$87,864.53 submitted and pending without EMC accept/deny, with the removal of Invoice R7454957600 in the amount of \$61,533.44, as this is not part of the B-1 project.**

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

**4/11 Maple Island/Currans Beach milling were placed in the sinkhole, checked after several days and it seems to have stabilize.**

**4/11 A-1 Lift station had a communication problem, a Mission Technion thought it was an expansion board. Ferguson replaced the board, but that did not fix the issue, so a new mission unit will be ordered.**

**4/16 B-3 experienced a power outage, a generator was brought in.**

**4/19 John Yeh requested that the sewer lines on is property be marked as a new pole was being installed and USIC had not marked them.**

**4/30 A leak at the State Farm Ins. bldg. on M-51. B&Z was called in for the repair.**

**5/7 The new pump and piping has arrived; it has been serviced and is ready to go.**

**ART is still waiting for the MDOT permit for working on M-152.**

**A zoning question from Mark Davis, SCT Zoning administrator, about how far a building can be from a sewer clean-out. SLAUA has no set back recommendations, property owners would have the responsibility of where structures are placed.**

## **OLD-UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Maple Island manholes; A quote for \$11,000.00 was received, but not in consideration. A second company will be supplying a quote. This is for the raising of manhole covers for paving.**

## **INDIAN LAKE SEWER**

**Indian Lake Sewer update: Silver Creek Township has paid the annual fee for the entire year.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Mr. Blackmond met with Attorney Mitt Drew on April 16, 2024, for protentional legal representation. An informational packet is being sent for review.**

**Wightman has submitted a Lift Station Replacement Cost proposal. There are twenty-one (21) lift stations under insured, the \$14,000.00 plus expenses, quote would cover assessing each station individually, list all parts and replacement costs, etc. A motion to accept the quote as presented was made by Mr. Billingham and supported by Mr. Moore. Roll call vote-Ayes-Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Moore, Mr. Kays and Mr. Billingham. No votes- None. Motion carried.**

**Voice Over Internet; Problems persist with the phone system being down. A possible solution may be to look into a different company to manage the system. Will contact Parrish and Hass.**

**Mr. Laylin had asked why the B-1 lift station was not built to the original specifications, a discussion of the design deviation. Mr. Billingham will be meeting with Wightman.**

**Keeler township had a request for re-zoning the corner of M-152 and Napier from residential to commercial. A possible expansion of the sewer system to service those areas.**

**HVAC Service Contract; SLAUA received two (2) quotes for annual service. A discussion followed. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to accept the quote from Rohdy's Heating and Cooling, supported by Mr. Billingham. Roll call vote-Ayes-Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Moore, Mr. Kays, and Mr. Billingham. No votes-None. Motion carried.**

**Mr. Milovich will not be hooking up to the sewer due to the expense of extending the system at his cost.**

**The next meeting will be June 13, 2024, at 1:30 pm.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Billingham and supported by Mr. Kays to adjourn the meeting at 3:11 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Mrs. Kaye Smith  
Recording Secretary**