

# **SISTER LAKES AREA UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

**Minutes of the Sister Lakes Area Utilities Authority regular meeting for October 12, 2023.**

**Chairman Blackmond called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm, members present are Mr. Moore, Mr. Kays, Mr. Tryakowski. Absent - Mr. Laylin.**

**Call for Public Comment: 2:04 pm. No public was in attendance.**

**The Bills and Claims for October in the amount of \$120,013.91 was presented for payment a motion was made by Mr. Moore and supported by Mr. Kays. Roll call vote - Ayes- Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Moore, Mr. Kays, Mr. Tyrakowski. No votes – None. Motion carried. \$15,533.70 was transferred to Indian Lake Sewer.**

**As of October 12, 2023 the balance in the Maintenance account is \$2,272,241.34.**

**The Michiana Supply invoice for \$2,168.62 was not included in the insurance claim as some of the parts obtained would be used not only for B-1 lift station but also A-1 lift station as well.**

**Mr. Blackmond discussed the processed gallon usage which was much higher for the months of August and September from previous years. Millions of gallons more due to B-1 lift station failure and could Mr. Billingham quantify those numbers as ground water infiltration. If so, this cost could also be added to the insurance claim.**

**Mary Nykamp from Wightman & Assoc. was present to give an update for the B-1 Lift station repairs, with an explanation on process, implantation and coordination of the project. A discussion on future improvements to the B-1 lift station followed with suggestions given by Mrs. Nykamp. A motion was made by Mr. Kays and supported by Mr. Moore to budget \$25,000.00 for design, survey and permits for improvements. Roll call vote – Ayes – Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Moore, Mr. Kays and Mr. Tyrakowski. No votes – None. Motion carried.**

## **CITY OF DOWAGIAC**

**A quote from Selge Construction, for the by-pass repairs, was presented for \$135,000.00. A motion was made by Mr. Kays and supported by Mr. Tyrakowski to accept the quote as given. Roll call vote – Ayes – Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Moore, Mr. Kays and Mr. Tyrakowski. No votes – None. Motion carried.**

**A quote from Plummers Environmental Services, Inc., the epoxy lining for the wet well, was presented for \$34,200.00. A motion was made by Mr. Kays and supported by Mr. Tyrakowski to accept the quote as given. Roll call vote – Ayes – Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Moore, Mr. Kays and Mr. Tyrakowski. No votes – None. Motion carried.**

**Control panel replacement and repair quotes have still not been received.**

**ART will be proceeding with manhole lining for Sister Lakes and Indian Lake in January 2024. That is when the flow is at the lowest.**

**Mr. Tyrakowski suggested a consideration that a secondary by-pass pump be purchased.**

**A man hole monitor has been ordered for Magician Lake.**

**All lift stations have been cleaned and alarm systems tested, with the exception of B-12 which will be done this week or early next week, for the Silver Creek/Keeler.**

**Wildwood and Currans Beach reported back-ups, the crews were able to get them flowing again. Mr. Billingham suggested that follow up inspections should be done.**

#### **OLD-UNFINISHED**

**SEMCO claim – Atty Seeber is waiting for USIC to send contract for review.**

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

**Invoice Cloud will be contacting the office soon for data extraction.**

**Mr. Blackmond has Atty Seeber working on a draft of the contract with Silver Creek Twp for Indian Lake bill/payment processing.**

**Detention/retention pond; Architect Kevin Barker has yet to submit an updated proposal, the only difference between proposals will be from a 5” drench pipe to an 8” drench pipe.**

#### **INDIAN LAKE SEWER**

**A request from the residents living near #3 Lift station, on Forest Beach Rd., for a street light. They themselves were paying for it, but no longer are. Mr. Billingham is waiting for a cost of adding a light at the station for repair purposes.**

**All lift stations have been cleaned and alarm systems tested at the Indian Lake system.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**New sewer connection requests from Jenny Finley at Magician Dr. and Tim Przybysz on Lake Court have been reviewed. These new connections would be an extension or expansion for the sewer system. For extension it would include the cost of the design, permitting, construction cost, etc., being assumed by the home owners. An expansion would mean that a petition must be signed by other home/land owners in the area that they too will hook-up to the system.**

**A partial payment from the EMC will be in the amount of \$196,784.31.**

**A price for the back up by-pass pump has been requested**

**The next meeting will be November 9, at 1:30 pm.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Tyrakowski and supported by Mr. Kays to adjourn the meeting at 2:52pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Mrs. Kaye Smith  
Recording Secretary**