

SISTER LAKES AREA UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Sister Lakes Area Utilities Authority regular meeting for November 14, 2024.

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

A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 10, 2024 as presented was made by Mr. Billingham and supported by Mr. Moore. Motion carried.

Call for Public Comment: 1:33. No public was present.

The Bills and Claims for December in the amount of \$62,194.78 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. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes – None. Motion carried. Transferred to Indian Lake Sewer: \$24,608.42.

As of November 14, 2024 the balance in the Maintenance account is \$2,382,481.74.

CITY OF DOWAGIAC

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

- 10/15 Lift Station cleaning started. All stations are now finished.**
- 10/16 B-10 & C-5 Short power outages. Self corrected.**
- 11/5 B-4, B-5 & B-3 Power outage for 1 hour, AEP working in area.**

During lift station cleaning, 3 manhole linings were discovered with bubbles and 1 lining had a small leak. ART will be coming to take care of these issues. Further inspections will be taking place.

Smoke testing will begin the following week November 18.

Ferguson has been contacted for a quote on A-1 small controller, LED screen is unreadable. This will be incorporated into the new control cabinet when it is replaced.

B-1 plumbing project update; Contracts will be sent out soon for signing, then start date will be set.

OLD-UNFINISHED BUSINESS

INDIAN LAKE SEWER

Mr. Billingham reported on a few incidents in the Indian Lake system;

- 10/6 Sewer tap at 33626 Indian Lake Trail was completed.**

NEW BUSINESS

Building maintenance; Door to storage room is out of plumb – Hall builders will be contacted. A possible small leak in the water softener system, Mr. Blackmond will get ahold of Hall for that as well.

Generac Warranty; City of Dowagiac will add this generator to the list of generators that get inspected monthly. Mr. Laylin made a motion to have building generator added to the list for maintenance, supported by Mr. Moore. Ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

Grounds maintenance; MTL fall cleanup quote for \$395.00. Mr. Laylin made a motion to approve quote as presented, supported by Mr. Billingham. Roll call vote-Ayes-Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Moore, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes-None. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

The I-Pad was determined to have a value for \$170.00 (Quote from Gazelle), after a brief discussion it was determined that I-pad will be kept by the Authority and cell service reinstated. A motion was made by Mr. Blackmond and supported by Mr. Laylin. Ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

On the July 2025 billing; A notice will be placed on all the bills stating that maintenance arrears must be paid in full by October 1, 2025 or they will be put on winter taxes

The next meeting will be December 12, 2024, at 1:30 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Laylin and supported by Mr. Billingham to adjourn the meeting at 1:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Mrs. Kaye Smith
Recording Secretary**