

SISTER LAKES AREA UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Sister Lakes Area Utilities Authority regular meeting for October 10, 2024.

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

A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 12, 2024 as presented was made by Mr. Kays and supported by Mr. Billingham. Motion carried.

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

The Bills and Claims for October in the amount of \$127,095.69 was presented for payment a motion was made by Mr. Kays and supported by Mr. Billingham. Roll call vote - Ayes-Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Moore, Mr. Kays, and Mr. Billingham. No votes – None. Motion carried. Transferred to Indian Lake Sewer: \$12,423.18.

As of October 10, 2024 the balance in the Maintenance account is \$2,396,149.06.

CITY OF DOWAGIAC

B-1 Lift Station insurance claim has been closed.

Update for the B-1 pump repair; the work is not yet finished.

Award of the B-1 Improvement Project bids. Bid(s) were opened on September 17, 2024. Only one bid packet was received from Selge. Wightman reviewed the bid of \$241,490.00 and has recommended approval. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to except the Selge proposal for B-1 Improvement Project, supported by Mr. Kays. Roll call vote-Ayes-Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Moore, Mr. Kays and Mr. Billingham. No votes-None. Motion carried.

Wightman recommendations update; Pump testing will begin in October, as well as the manhole smoke testing. Mr. Billingham will be preparing lists for the bid process for the purchase and installation of back-up generators on all pumps in the Sister Lakes utility area.

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

9/11 C-3 Communication error. This occurred again on 9/12 and 9/16. Cell signal interruption.

9/16 B-3 lost power due to AEP doing work in the area. All systems checked.

9/18 B-5 and B-11 lost power due to AEP power shut downs. Pumps were checked.

10/4 At 50672 Garrett Rd, reported an odor. All clean-outs were checked and no problems were discovered. The problem was not system related.

OLD-UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tom Gloriso at 50485 Delling Dr, 14-130-500-067-00, was contacted and informed that he will need to submit payment for the sewer tap of \$7920.00, as stated in the Tap Fee Ordinance. If not received by September 30, 2024, that amount will be added to his Winter 2024 property tax. A motion was made by Mr. Kays, to put the arrears sewer tap fee on the Winter 2024 tax bill, supported by Mr. Blackmond. The board was in unanimous agreement, motion carried.

Snow removal bids; Three (3) proposals were received and reviewed. After a brief discussion, Deer Path was awarded the contract for 2024/25 winter season. A motion was made by Mr. Billingham and supported by Mr. Blackmond. The board was in unanimous agreement, motion carried.

INDIAN LAKE SEWER

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

9/18 IL #4 Pump 2 failure due to voltage surge. VFD were adjusted and restarted.

10/5 IL #5 Pump 2 failure due to voltage surge. VFD were adjusted and restarted.

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Kuriata brought up a question about Ramona Roller Rink not un-hooking from the sewer during clean-up and rebuilding process. There is no concern of the any leakage into the system.

Armor Pest Control offering additional service and cost for “stick-bug” removal. At this time the service is not needed.

Bid proposals for connecting to the sewer to 33626 Indian Trail. Cross Excavating; \$8,900.00 and Deer Path Excavating: \$4,200.00. Mr. Moore made a motion to except the Deer Path Excavating proposal, supported by Mr. Kays. Roll call vote-Ayes-Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Moore, Mr. Kays and Mr. Billingham. No votes-None. Motion carried.

An I-Pad from the Saw Grant is no longer needed. A motion was made by Mr. Blackmond to cancel the service for the tablet, supported by Mr. Kays. The board was in unanimous agreement, motion carried. Mr. Billingham will determine value and it will be for sale at the next schedule meeting.

The next meeting will be October 10, 2024, at 1:30 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Blackmond and supported by Mr. Billingham to adjourn the meeting at 2:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Mrs. Kaye Smith
Recording Secretary**

