

**WATER DISTRICT NO. 1 OF MIDLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
DATE: SEPT. 16, 2020**

Board Members Present:

Roger Crockett, Lincoln
Craig Gosen, Edenville
Laura Grubaugh, Jerome
Carl Hamann, Sanford
Andy Kobisa, Hope
Bill Page, Edenville
Dave Rothman, Hope
Bill Stewart, Lee
George Whittington, Lee (arrived at 7:03)
Mike Wood, Jerome
Kevin Wray, Lincoln

Staff Present:

Rowan Everleigh
Ron Rose

Drafted:

Approved: 9/16/2020

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CRG*

Board Members Absent:

Bonnie Whaley, Sanford

MEETING LOCATION: Jerome Township Hall, 737 Beamish Road, Sanford, MI

CALL TO ORDER: Gosen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND ROLL CALL: Pledge was performed. 10 members were in attendance, a quorum.

MINUTES It was moved by Kobisa, seconded by Stewart, to approve the minutes with an amendment . Motion approved by voice vote.

OPERATIONAL BILLS: It was moved by Grubaugh, seconded by Stewart, to approve payment of WD#1 bills totaling \$118,193.05, checks 11790-11793, 11803-11817 and 11827-11836. Motion approved by roll call vote, 10/0. It was moved by Grubaugh, seconded by Stewart, to approve payroll totaling \$41,476.37, checks 11789, 11794-11802 and 11818-11826. Motion approved by roll call vote, 11/0.

CORRESPONDENCE: Everleigh reported that Anne Merillat, owner of 761 Maplecrest, contacted WD#1 about an issue with a tenant who left without paying a water bill. Staff views the bill as uncollectable from the former tenant. New tenants object to paying the outstanding bill. The bill is small (\$286). It was moved by Wray, seconded by Kobisa, to forgive the outstanding balance. Motion approved 11/0. Gosen noted that Sanford Village doesn't want any water service south of Saginaw Road. The District will temporarily provide water to a fire hydrant in the area when Sanford burns flood debris.

STAFF REPORTS: Everleigh reported that penalties on overdue bills will be calculated next week. Staff is working with FEMA on a flood damage claim. Staff is also working on tax rolls. Everleigh asked Bard members to turn in their quarterly pay vouchers.

Rose reported that field staff selling 23 permits, performing 9 taps, 21 meter sets, 11 meter repairs, performing sampling for lead and copper tests, replacing one hydrant and repairing another and 174 stakeouts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: Gosen- no report

Operations and maintenance: Wood- 4 bids were received for cleaning the office building. Wood recommended choosing the low bidder. It was moved by Wood, seconded by Kobisa, to hire the low bidder as a contractor for this work. Motion approved by roll call vote, 10/0, with Stewart abstaining from voting due to a conflict of interest. The Curtis Road water main will be covered by the new bridge approach before freezing weather. The Lee Township water tower will receive its 5-year inspection in October at a cost of \$2800. A Mr. Scott Harris has asked for water service to his building. It appears this building is currently unfit to occupy due to flood damage. The district will not provide water service as a consequence. Spicer has advised the District that some water lines in Sanford need to be rebuilt. The water line to the Jerome Township fire hall was discussed and will require a variance from WD#1 due to *the lines'* the ekine's configuration. It was moved by Wood, seconded by Wray, to approve the variance. Motion approved by voice vote. The Hope pump and water tower alarm system is back in service. Issues with water connection at the Meridian Outdoor Center were discussed and the board took no action, waiting for the owners to decide whether to apply for additional water connections. We will get a quote to run a alarm line to the new building. Midland County parks wants to eliminate a meter pit at the Sanford Park and WD#1 is supportive.

Business and Finance: Grubaugh- committee met Sept. 15. Meeting minutes were provided to the Board.

Policy Page- Followed up on comments about problems with the alarm system. Staff resolved the problem.

Human Resources: Wray- no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: No progress with Brad on agreement with the City of Midland. Rose reported a positive coliform water test, followed up by more positive tests. After extensive flushing of the not=rth part of the system, additional samples tested clean. *north*

OTHER ITEMS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURN It was moved by Kobisa, seconded by Whittington, to adjourn. Motion approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

h. David Rottman
C. L. Gorman