

WATER DISTRICT NO. 1 OF MIDLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
DATE: JAN. 18, 2023

Board Members Present:

Roger Crockett, Lincoln
Rita Goul, Hope
Terry Hall, Edenville
Carl Hamann, Sanford
Linzy Kreiner, Jerome
Doug Kruger, Lee
Dave Rothman, Hope
Bonnie Whaley, Sanford
Mike Wood, Jerome
Kevin Wray, Lincoln

Staff Present:

Rowan Everleigh
Ron Rose
Public:
Dennis Goul

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Board Members Absent:

Heidi Pitt, Lee

MEETING LOCATION: Jerome Township Hall

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Wray

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Secretary Rothman opened nominations for the office of Chair. Wood nominated Wray, seconded by Hall, to nominate Wray for the office of Chair. There were no other nominations. Wray was elected to the office of Chair by unanimous voice vote.

Wray opened nominations for the office of vice-Chair. Wray nominated Wood for the office of vice-Chair and Crockett seconded. There were no other nominations. Wood was elected to the office of vice-Chair by unanimous voice vote.

Wray opened nominations for Treasurer. Rothman nominated Kreiner, seconded by Wood, for the Treasurer. There were no other nominations. Kreiner was elected to the office of Treasurer by unanimous voice vote.

Wray opened nominations for Secretary. Hamann nominated Rothman, seconded by Whaley. There were no other nominations. Rothman was elected to the office of Secretary by unanimous voice vote.

MINUTES: Hamann moved to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2022 meeting, seconded by Hall. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

OPERATIONAL BILLS: Kreiner moved to approve payment of operational bills for WD#1 totaling \$87,192.28, checks 12989-12999, 13016-13025, 13032-13039 plus 3 EFTs (1 duplicate EFT to Verizon was voided), seconded by Rothman. Motion approved by roll call vote, 10/0. Kreiner moved to Approve payment of WD#2 bills totaling \$72,400, CHECKS 1463-1466, seconded by Rothman. Motion approved by roll call vote, 10/0. Kreiner moved to approve payroll of \$57,369.68, checks 13000-13015, 13026-13031, 13040 plus 8 EFTs, seconded by Rothman. Motion approved by roll call vote, 10/0.

CORRESPONDENCE: Wood noted he spoke to Brad Kaye at City of Midland about water service to surrounding townships 2 months ago, awaiting copy of a resolution of approval from the City. There was considerable discussion about whether such a resolution had been forwarded to WD#1.

STAFF REPORTS: Everleigh advised that 568 shutoff notices had been mailed and 108 accounts remained in shut-off status. Nationwide insurance was making changes to available investments options in the retirement savings plan and employees had no complaints about the changes. Bill Carey, who was to fill departing Board member Gosen's seat had resigned. The Board now has 11 members, awaiting a new appointment from Edenville Township.

Rose advised that staff had completed replacement of overhead fluorescent lights with LED lights. There is still potentially an intermittent problem with tower communications for level reporting and pump control. Two curb box repairs were performed. A "spaghetti line" issue was addressed on Lemke Court. One hydrant was replaced.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: No report.

Operations and maintenance: Wood gave an update on the SCADA system. Tower communication and Price Road office re-wiring work is in progress. Rewiring address existing issues with VFD control of the pumps in the pump house. Finney has been hired for excavation work to install the new bulk filling station in Edenville. Discussion of water connections across township borders centered on confirming that the right paperwork was in-hand. Wood advised that the software used today for meter reading will eventually become obsolete. Future support for the software and the Neptune meters is in doubt. Staff has dropped the idea of buying a forklift in favor of buying a small tractor for unloading hydrants and other heavy materials on deliveries. The cost of forklifts and tractors is comparable and tractors are more versatile. Quotes run \$29K-\$39K. The selected tractor quote is for a Yanmar 342 at \$29,439 and a suitable (dump) trailer for moving the tractor is \$10,118. Wood moved to approve buying the Yanmar as quoted at \$29,439, seconded by Crockett. Funds to come from the vehicle replacement funded account. Motion approved by roll call vote, 10/0. Quote for the dump trailer is not ready for Board action at this time. The electrical short in the jockey pump has been repaired.

Business and Finance: Kreiner reported the Committee met 1/17/2023. Reviewed the bills and Revenue and Expenditure report. Rothman advised that staff may need to move money from a CLASS account to WD#1 general checking prior to the next billing cycle- staff will move the money if/when necessary and no formal Board action required to do so since no money is being spent.

Policy: Whaley advised that there is not yet a policy related to legalization of recreational marijuana in Michigan. Committee is working to develop a suitable policy.

Human Resources: No report

NEW BUSINESS: It was noted that the City of Midland's Water Services Agreement dated Aug. 10, 2020 allows WD#1 to make connections across township borders. Hall moved to allow such connections, seconded by Hamann. Motion approved by roll call vote, 10/0.

OTHER ITEMS: In the December Board meeting, there was a vote on a price increase for water permits when the requesting property does not have a curb box. The purpose of the price increase is to pass along the increased costs of installing curb boxes. The Wray moved to vote on the same question again, seconded by Wood. The motion passed by roll call vote, 7/3.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

h. David Rothman
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