

Water District No. 1 Of Midland County
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Date: Oct. 18, 2023

Board Members Present:

Roger Crockett, Lincoln
Rita Goul, Hope
Terry Hall, Edenville
Carl Hamann, Sanford
Doug Kruger, Lee
Heidi Pitt, Lee
Dave Rothman, Hope
Neil Wackerle, Edenville
Mike Wood, Jerome

Staff Present:

Rowan Everleigh
Nate French

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Approved: 11/15/23

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MW

Public:

Dennis Goul

Board Members Absent:

Linzy Kreiner, Jerome
Bonnie Whaley, Sanford
Kevin Wray, Lincoln

MEETING LOCATION: Jerome Township Hall

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Wood at 7:00 pm

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND ROLL CALL: Performed. Nine members in attendance, a quorum.

MINUTES: Moved by Hall, second by Hamann, to approve minute so the Sept. 20, 2023 meeting. Motion approved by voice vote.

OPERATIONAL BILLS: Moved by Rothman, second by Hall, to approve WD#1 bills totaling \$142,301.20, checks 13386-13387, 13406-13416, 13425-1343301. Motion approved by roll call vote 9/0. Moved by Rothman, second by Pitt, to approve Local Unit fee checks totaling 67,800, checks 1489-1492. Motion approved by roll call vote 9/0. Moved by Rothman, second by Kruger, to approve payroll totaling \$46,526.74, checks 13388-13405, 13417-13424. Motion approved by roll call vote 9/0.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

STAFF REPORTS: Everleigh- Current bank balances provided in the board packet. 79 properties are still on the shutoff list for Oct. 19.

French noted staff performed 210 stakeouts, 5 meter sets, 11 meter repairs. Working on the Saginaw Road/9 mile main break.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: Wray absent, no report.

Operations and maintenance: Hall- Bulk water station still has an IT issue, internet modem communications with firewall. Jerome water tower was inspected by engineers, who recommended the old failing paint and basecoat should be sandblasted off to bare metal and then new base and top coats applied. Work can be held off until 2024 or 2025, base and top coats will be applied in the same season, not separated by a winter as with the current failing paint job. Estimated cost is \$240,000, plus the cost of replacing the tank vent (\$5,000?). The new truck is on the dealer's lot. Seasonal workers will end their work in November. The box blade for the tractor has been purchased and is being used. The Saginaw/9 Mile main has been patched, but needs to be replaced. There is a replacement work plan, customers do have water at present. The new main will be bored in rather than installed by excavation to minimize repair costs to the Rail Trail. On 7 Mile, a 30 acre parcel is being developed with a private road and 6 residential parcels. The developer wants water installed. It was noted that an 8 inch main will be required to serve a fire hydrant.

Business and Finance: Rothman- Committee met Oct. 17. Discussed a letter from Neptune and a quote from Ferguson to replace the current radio read system software and readers with new software and readers. Current software will not be supported after June 2024. French and Rothman will work on a transition plan.

Policy: No report

Human Resources: Will meet Oct. 19 with a MERS representative to review options for new employee retirement savings plan.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OTHER ITEMS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Hall asked about a fence at Baker/Fox road that appears to have been installed by the Water District. The fence is deteriorating. After discussion, it was agreed that Edenville Township would take over maintenance of the fence.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

h. David Rothman
Mike Wood