

Water District No. 1 Of Midland County

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Date:

Board Members Present:

Roger Crockett, Lincoln
Rita Goul, Hope
Terry Hall, Edenville
Carl Hamann, Sanford
Doug Kruger, Lee
Heidi Pitt, Lee
Steve Rice, Jerome
Dave Rothman, Hope
Neil Wackerle, Edenville
Bonnie Whaley, Sanford

Staff Present:

Rowan Everleigh
Nate French

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Public:

Board Members Absent:

Linzy Kreiner, Jerome
Kevin Wray, Lincoln

MEETING LOCATION: Jerome Township Hall

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

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

MINUTES: Moved by Crockett, second by Wackerle to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2024 Board meeting. Motion approved by voice vote.

OPERATIONAL BILLS: Moved by Rothman, second by Pitt, to approve payment of bills totaling \$101,818.28, checks 13722, 13724-13730, 13739-13750, 13759-13765, 8 EFTs and one voided check for \$272.28. Motion approved by roll call vote, 10/0. Moved by Rothman, second by Pitt to approve payroll totaling \$67,533.72, Checks 13714-13721, 13723, 13731-13738, 13751-13758 and 8 EFTs. Motion approved by roll call vote, 10/0.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

STAFF REPORTS: Everleigh- 916 past due notices have been mailed. FEMA cost reports have been completed and turned in. Pay vouchers are due from the board members. Some of the employees want to be paid by direct deposit, Everleigh is researching what that will involve.

French reported 153 stake-outs, hydrants are being exercised by the seasonal employees, hydrant maintenance underway and a curbbox leak repaired. Water consumption is up to 1.4 million gallons daily. Staff is working with Neptune on the new software. The latest lead/copper report had been accepted by the State. WD#1 has been advised a reliability study will likely be required in 2027. 7 permits sold, 3 taps performed, 22 meters replaced.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: Hamann- no report

Operations and maintenance: Rice- Getting quotes for removing an oak tree at the Lee water tower. Removal will only be done during the dormant season, beginning November 1. Have received a bid for \$2600 with removal of all the wood, \$2400 if the wood is left behind for whoever wants it. This matter was tabled until the October meeting. A pine tree had become a deadfall over a hydrant along M20. Lee Township fire department is looking into removal. There was discussion of seal coating vs, repaving the Office parking lot. Bids were \$2800 and \$32,000 respectively. Moved by Hall, second by Rice, to accept the bid for seal coating. Motion passed by roll call vote, 10/0.

Operations wanted 2 Android tablets for the new Neptune meter reading software. Cost would be \$1,000 for the two tablets. Moved by Rice, second by Crockett to approve the tablet purchase. Motion approved by roll call vote, 10/0.

Lincoln Township will be extending a water main by ½ mile.

There was discussion about a possible future need for a WD#1 maintenance crew and equipment. At present this need is being met with contractors. This is a matter for future discussions.

Business and Finance: Rothman- Committee met 6/18/2024. a report covered earlier by Everleigh. Bills approved for presentation to Board, R&E report reviewed. Michigan Class currently paying 5.3773%.

Committee briefly discussed need for a July rate increase. An increase approved at the July meeting will be applied to the bills issued later in July.

Midland will raise the cost of water on July 1 from \$2.24/1,000 gallons to \$2.59, a 15.6% increase. Coupled with the 2023 increase, overall bulk water cost has increased by 22.7%. Current estimate is that WD#1 must recover an additional \$93,500 over the next 12 months to cover the cost increase for bulk water. We already know the current rates are not recovering enough of WD#1's costs. B&F will present a billing rate proposal at the July Board meeting.

For several years, all new costs have been recovered by raising the Readiness to Serve (RTS) rates. Board members Hamann and Hall suggested not using RTS as the sole means to recover the new costs.

Policy: No report

Human Resources: No report

NEW BUSINESS: None

OTHER ITEMS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURN Meeting adjourned at 7:59PM.

