

Water District No. 1 Of Midland County

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Date: 12/18/2024

Board Members Present:

Brett Fales, Lincoln
Rita Goul, Hope
Carl Hamann, Sanford
Linzy Kreiner, Jerome
Doug Kruger, Lee
Art Peters, Edenville
Heidi Pitt, Lee
Steve Rice, Jerome
Dave Rothman, Hope
Bonnie Whaley, Sanford

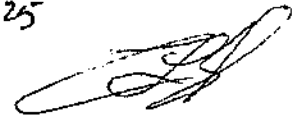
Staff Present:

Rowan Everleigh
Nate French

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Craig Gosen
Dennis Goul

Board Members Absent:

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: The pledge was performed. 10 members were in attendance, a quorum.

MINUTES: Moved by Rothman, second by Kreiner to approve minutes of the Nov. 20, 2024 Board meeting. Motion approved by voice vote.

OPERATIONAL BILLS: Moved by Kreiner, second by Pitt to approve payment of bills totaling \$316,116.10, checks 13970, 12973-13992, 13995-13997 and 4 EFTs. Motion approved by roll call vote, 10/0. Moved by Kreiner, second by Peters to approve payroll totaling \$41,647.74, checks 13971-13972, 13933-13994, 6 EFTs and 6 direct deposits. Motion approved by roll call vote, 10/0.

2025 MEETING SCHEDULE: Goul asked if meetings could start at 6:00 PM rather than 7:00. Some Board members indicated this would be a problem with their job. Goul suggested 6:30 PM and there was consensus this would be OK. Moved by Goul, second by Rothman to begin meetings in 2025 at 6:30 PM. Motion approved by voice vote. Moved by Kreiner, second by Rothman to approved the 2025 meeting schedule with the amended start time of 6:30 PM. Motion approved by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

STAFF REPORTS: Everleigh- 961 past due notices were mailed out, an unusually high number. Staff is working on 2024 year-end and 2025 year-beginning tasks.

French Hope Road project underway. Field staff is beginning office work for the winter. Reviewed connection costs in 2024. French presented a Board resolution requested by MDOT regarding new connections involving state highways rights-of-way. The resolution would make it easier and faster to get permits from MDOT for connection projects. Moved

by Peters, second by Fales to approve. Motion approved by voice vote. French also reported that the increased sampling program for lead and copper testing was nearly finished.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: No report

Operations and maintenance: Rice- committee met last Thursday. The new M-30 Taco Bell water connection was the most expensive WD#1 has done to-date and cost the District a few thousand dollars. The Policy Committee was asked to develop a policy that would set standard rates for residential taps 1 inch or less, while larger residential and all commercial taps would require an escrow account to be used to cover WD#1 costs for the installation. French advised that the State has been informed about high levels of water disinfectant decomposition products. State is aware that this is a common problem due to the warm autumn season and that City of Midland chlorinated the water. GIS work is moving from Wade-Trim to WD#1 staff. One of our hydrant pumps failed. French has a new-condition hydrant pump that he inherited and he offered to sell it to the District for \$250, roughly half o new cost. Verbal consensus among Board members was to accept French's offer. French attended a City demonstration of a service out of Louisiana that replaces valves in high pressure water mains without shutting down the main. French reviewed permit sales for 2024, which totaled 70, including 11 in Lincoln, 12 in Jerome, 2 in Sanford, 9 in Hope, 16 in Edenville and 20 in Lee.

Business and Finance: Kreiner advised that the committee met Dec. 17 and Michigan CLASS was paying 4.71% interest. Moved by Kreiner, second by Goul to approve reimbursing French for \$514 professional training classwork. Motion approved by roll call vote, 10/0. Rothman reviewed the proposed budget for 2025 and advised that 2024 revenue and expenses (including inventory replenishment costs and major year end bills) showed that the District lost money in 2024. Part of the reason for this was the Jerome water tower painting project, but spending needs to be watched in the first half of 2025 with the possible need to increase water rates to begin replenishing reserve funds.

Moved by Rothman, second by Kreiner to approve funding the funded accounts for a total of \$68,250 from the General Reserve Fund. Motion approved by roll call vote, 10/0. Moved by Kreiner/ second by Rothman to approve the draft 2025 budget. Motion approved by roll call vote, 10/0.

Policy: no report

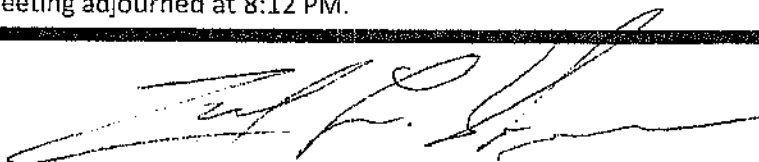
Human Resources: no report

NEW BUSINESS: none

OTHER ITEMS: Staff in attendance was excused for Board discussion of wage increases. None of the members in attendance were certain of Wray's intentions for wage increases, so Hamann agreed to contact Wray for guidance before putting the wages to a vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Gosen reinforced the importance of managing the District budget to maintain a healthy reserve and advised that Ron Rose had begun work on system replacement capital spending and repair planning. Rose had some training in this matter.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.



L. David Rothman