



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
Tuesday April 23, 2019
Van Buren Township Hall
46425 Tyler Road**

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. in the Developmental Services Conference Room by Chairperson Rochowiak. Members present: Commissioner Rochowiak, Commissioner Speaks, Treasurer Budd. Absent Commissioner McKelvey. Also, present, Director James Taylor, Superintendent Marty Ladd, Recording Secretary Pecsénye.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the agenda as presented Treasurer Budd, second Commissioner Speaks Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2018 meeting as presented Commissioner Speaks, Second Treasurer Budd, Motion Carried.

REPORTS:

1. Operational Reports- Superintendent Marty Ladd

- Sewer cleaning began this month. We are initiating plans to put the Township on a seven year cleaning schedule. We are using 2019 & 2020 to work out the kinks and make sure it is a viable plan. All sewer lift-stations and water pressure valve stations electrical panel repairs have been completed by A.F. Smith. SAW grant progress is going well. we will begin televising sewers next month, additionally 72 % of the manhole inspections are completed.
- Water meter change outs are ongoing, focusing on the larger meters, most of which have not been updated since prior to our change out program in 2007. Property restorations will begin as soon as the weather allows us. The reduction of emergency overtime has allowed us to utilize the overtime to focus on hydrant maintenance and utility property maintenance.

2. Administrative Reports – Director James Taylor

- Office staff compiled some statistics of finals, bills, high bill and service letters sent, and other upfront operations to give the commission a more complete picture of department activities. The VBT board approved the water line tie to Romulus for 39591 Price.

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- GLWA- The board of directors approved the recommended 4.2 % rate increase for Van Buren Township, rate to take effect July 1, 2019.
- SHVUA- The question of how to handle the biosolids and sludge disposal has become a major issue. The system manager is reviewing a 20-year CIP with inclusion of a plant to address this issue.
- DUWA- The biosolid and sludge disposal has become an issue in this sewer district too. Brent Run landfill has put a limit on the number of loads that they will take. Now the solids will be disposed of at Woodland Meadows but at a premium cost. The cost impact is an additional \$100,000.00 per month. The Technical Committee met on April 9 to explore cost effective, long & short-term solutions. Director Taylor gave a presentation of the options, cost and timeline of each option.
- RVSDS- The county presented the communities with a Long-Term Capital Asset Plan on March 26 and again on April 10. They need LTCAP due to no maintenance on this system and they have not passed on the GLWA rate increase to the communities. The rate increase would be 18 to 20% that would initiate a potential increase of \$12.00 to \$33.00 per quarter for residents. As a result, Director Taylor presented the board with a proposal from Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc. for a Waste Water Routing Study. The idea of the study is to get better flow volumes, review current waste water contracts, update the Townships Hydraulic model and to look at potentially rerouting some or all of the waste water going to the RVSDS to another district, and combat the huge cost from the Rouge Valley System.

Commissioner Speaks Moved, Commissioner Rochowiak seconded; to recommend sending the Wastewater Routing Study as presented by Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc to the Township Board for approval as presented, providing the South Huron Valley Utility Authority will take the Rouge Valley Flows.

Yeas: Rochowiak, Speaks, Budd

Nays:

Absent: McKelvey

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

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NEW BUSINESS:

NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

NEXT MEETING: May 28, 2019 (Sheldon Room)

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn Treasurer Budd, Second Commissioner Speaks, motion carried meeting adjourned 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Karen E. Pecsénye

Approved Walter Rochowiak

Chairman- Walter Rochowiak

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