

LAKES AREA SEWER AUTHORITY

Minutes—February 23, 2009

The Lakes Area Sewer Authority held its regular meeting on February 23, 2009, at 7:00 pm, at the Porter Township Hall.

Commissioners Present: Bitely, S. Boshoven (for Grib), Oxley, Melko, Johnson, Laski.
Commissioners Absent: Grib, Bainbridge.

Public Comment: Fred Gebhard stated he had not received any information from the legal counsel as yet regarding laws governing mandatory sewer hook-ups.

Motion by Bitely, Support by Boshoven to approve the agenda as presented, all Ayes—motion passed.

Motion by Oxley, Support by Laski to approve and place on file the minutes of the Regular Authority Meeting of January 26, 2009 as corrected, all Ayes—motion passed.

Alan Smaka reported on the status of the project. The engineering plans for the forced main are 95% complete. Easements are being collected and the permit to MDEQ will be submitted. The sewer ordinance is still being developed. The treatment plant design is also in progress. A chart was presented which showed the flow around all the lakes.

Schuitmaker reported that the legal action for easements along private roads was filed. About half of the easements have been returned. In addition, the agreement with the Village of Marcellus regarding land acquisition is under development. The Marcellus Township Planning Commission will also need to approve the treatment plant (site plan). A copy of the LASA Sewer Ordinance will be e-mailed to all members before the next LASA meeting. The sale of Bond Anticipation Notes for \$660k went to Chemical Bank at 1.99%.

Boshoven reported that letters had been sent out to USDA to request stimulus money for the project. Both Cass and VanBuren Counties passed resolutions in support of the use of alternative energy for the project. These have been sent to all area legislators.

A slate of bills was presented to the Authority for approval.

Motion by Oxley, Support by Johnson to approve the bills as presented. Motion passed.

Melko stated that he, Schuitmaker, and all Township Treasurers will be meeting on March 11, 6:00 pm to review the process for paying assessments. This is to ensure that each township handles the process in the same way. He also wants to set up a “Pre-Construction” meeting with all affected property owners some time in May. This will give opportunity to discuss contractors, permits, and the construction process as well as answering any questions. A “Sewer Authority Update” publication will be posted on

Lake Association websites. This will show a review of the LASA project. A copy will be provided to members.

Public Comment: Questions were asked and answered regarding how property would be affected during construction and the operating costs of the system.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.
Next meeting—March 23, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nate Bitely

On behalf of:
John A. Grib
Authority Secretary