

LAKES AREA SEWER AUTHORITY
Minutes – July 27, 2009

The Lakes Area Sewer Authority held its regular meeting on July 27, 2009 at 7:00 pm, at the Porter Township Hall.

Commissioners present: Oxley, Laski, Melko and Johnson.
Commissioners absent: Grib, Bainbridge and Bitely

Public Comment: None

Motion by Melko, support by Laski to approve the agenda as presented; all Ayes; motion passed.

Motion by Melko, support by Johnson to approve and place on file the minutes of the Regular Authority Meeting of June 22, 2009 as e-mailed; all Ayes; motion passed.

Smaka reported on the status of the project. A) Bid Opening will be Thursday, July 30 at 2:30 pm, Room 210, Cass County Building. Competitive bids are expected. B) The loan closing will be between August 16 – August 26. If we close the loan before September 30th, the interest rate will be lower. C) All easements are now approved. D) Permit for treatment plant is being reviewed this week. E) Pursuant to federal loan requirements, Kristy Cook with Rural Community Action Agency will be contacting each Supervisor to verify that each townhall (building) complies with federal standards. F) Construction of sewer should begin right after Labor Day.

G) A house-lead location letter will be sent to each Lake Association for posting on their websites. Smaka also mentioned that he received a call from a Cedar Lake resident, interested in the sewer.

Boshoven reported that he sent letters to both Senators and the Secretary of Energy and that he will continue to correspond with anticipation of receiving a reply.

Schuitmaker requested that the Authority approve the Planned Purchase Agreement with the Village of Marcellus. He also mentioned that the DNR had approved all easements.

Motion by Oxley, support by Laski to approve the Planned Purchase Agreement with the Village of Marcellus; all Ayes; motion passed.

Motion by Melko, support by Johnson to re-appoint all existing LASA Officers; all AYES: motion passed.

Smaka presented bills for approval; motion by Melko, support by Oxley; all AYES, motion passed.

Oxley reported that the Village of Lawton will be submitting a bid for billing services in the near future.

Melko mentioned that there should be a ground breaking ceremony sometime in the near future.

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm Next Meeting: August 24, 2009 - 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Johnson

On behalf of: John A. Grib, Authority Secretary