

LAKES AREA SEWER AUTHORITY
Minutes—2nd Organizational Meeting
August 20, 2007

The Lakes Area Sewer Authority held its second organizational meeting on August 20, 2007, at 7:00 pm, at the Porter Township Hall.

Commissioners Present: Bitely, Boshoven, Grib, Melko, Oxley.
Commissioners Absent: Laski

Public Comment: None

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

Motion by Oxley, Support by Bitely to approve and place on file the minutes of the Authority Meeting of July 25, 2007. all Ayes—motion passed.

Chairperson Melko provided a review of the status of the sewer project to date. He noted that he was in receipt of a letter from bond attorney Jim White indicating that he had applied for EIN and DUN numbers for the Authority. Further, that we were in receipt of the EIN number and anticipate getting the DUN number within the next two weeks.

Attorney Schuitmaker presented an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation to include Volinia Township in the Authority. Due to the ratio of population represented by Volinia, there would be one Commissioner appointed to the Authority by Volinia—that being Supervisor Wendy Elsey. Porter Township had endorsed the amendment at their last meeting; Marcellus Township has as yet to meet to consider the amendment.

Motion by Bitely, Support by Boshoven to endorse the amendment to the Articles of Incorporation to include Volinia Township in the Authority, contingent on Marcellus Township endorsing the amendment at their next regular township meeting. All Ayes—motion passed.

Attorney Schuitmaker distributed proposed By-Laws drafted by Jim White for the Authority to review and consider at their next meeting. Schuitmaker further reported that the Porter Township Board approved a meeting per diem of \$50 for its three commissioners. Grib indicated that the Marcellus Township commissioners would not be seeking any compensation at this time.

Motion by Grib, Support by Boshoven to approve an engagement letter of Schuitmaker as the Authority Attorney. Roll Call vote: Bitely--Y; Boshoven--Y; Grib—Y, Melko—Y, Oxley—Y. motion passed.

A schedule of regular meetings for the Authority was set as the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Two exceptions to this will be the September meeting which will be held on Monday, September 17, 2007, and the December meeting which will be cancelled due to it falling on Christmas Eve.

Alan Smaka and Matt Davis of Wightman & Associates presented a review and further discussion and consideration of the scope and treatment options for the project. A matrix was presented which compared the four treatment options against a variety of objectives and considerations. After lengthy discussion, the Authority was in consensus that an independent plant be first priority with Lawton, Marcellus, and Honee Bear having consideration in that order. Wightman will revise cost estimates based on the expanded scope of the project. The application for funding through the Rural Development Fund will be made based on the most costly options in order to ensure future flexibility for the Authority.

In other business, a tour of the Porter Township (Cass County) treatment facility in Mottville has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 22 at 1:30 pm for any Commissioners who wish to participate.

There being no further public comment, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Next meeting—September 17, 2007 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

John A. Grib
Authority Secretary