

LAKES AREA SEWER AUTHORITY

Minutes—September 17, 2007

The Lakes Area Sewer Authority held its meeting on September 17, 2007, at 7:00 pm, at the Porter Township Hall.

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Public Comment: Inquiry regarding future interest rate changes and impact on the project.

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

Motion by Bitely, Support by Boshoven to approve and place on file the minutes of the Authority Meeting of August 20, 2007. all Ayes—motion passed.

Motion by Oxley, Support by Bitely to adopt the Authority By-Laws as presented with the addition of language to allow for electronic communications. All Ayes—motion passed.

Chairperson Melko reported that an informational meeting was held for interested property owners of Pine and Hemlock Lakes for inclusion into the project. A deadline of Oct. 1 was set for submission of petitions.

The Authority along with Alan Smaka of Wightman & Associates and Attorney Schuitmaker engaged in discussion to determine the scope of the project and treatment options for inclusion in the funding application. At this point it was decided to include six lakes—Gravel, Big Fish, Finch, Saddlebag, Hemlock, and Pine—in the application. The rationale was to secure adequate funding recognizing that not all may be included in the final project. Treatment options were divided between the Village of Lawton and an Authority-owned plant. Schuitmaker suggested that the Authority consider acquiring additional land by Lawton should the decision be made to use the Village system. This was challenged by several Commissioners citing that—in that case—it would make more sense to simply proceed with an authority-owned system. After further discussion it was suggested that the most costly option be used for purposes of the funding application, again to secure adequate funds and keep all options open.

Motion by Elsey, Support by Boshoven to approve for purposes of the funding application, the treatment alternative of an authority-owned lagoon system resulting in benefit fee of \$9,370, monthly O&M fee of \$38, and total cost of \$12,060,000. Roll Call vote: Elsey—Y; Grib—Y; Laski—Y; Melko—Y; Oxley—Y; Bitely--Y; Boshoven--Y; motion passed. Chairperson Melko will sign the application when completed.

It was determined that hook-ups for future industrial and other operations could be done if needed.

Discussion of next steps included timing for filing the application, negotiations with potential treatment options, establishing the special assessment districts, etc. The authority requested that a task list of steps, responsibilities, dates, and a project outline be prepared for presentation at the next authority meeting.

Other Matters—Chairperson Melko reported that the authority now has its DUN#.

Public Comment: Suggestion was made to place emphasis on the use of existing resources when considering treatment options. A representative of Honee Bear Farms offered to answer any questions or concerns regarding their treatment facility.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Next meeting—October 22, 2007 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

John A. Grib
Authority Secretary