

Minutes
Lake Charter Township
Utility Board Meeting
April 4th, 2006
12:00 noon

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Supervisor John Gast at 12:03pm

Roll Call

Board members present, John Gast, Tom Carson, Terry Eichler,
Betty Korcek and Bill Geukes.

Absent: Gloria Payne

Others Present

Stewart Beach

Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved as presented. Five ayes

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Betty Korcek Second by Bill Geukes to accept the minutes as presented for the March 7 2006 Vote All in favor Ayes motion carried.

Communications: Letter from Chikaming to New Buffalo opting out of providing extra water supply.

Inter connect with St. Joe City water supply at Linco Rd. Is back on the table and working to accomplish that as a point of mutual aid.

Set/Amend agenda: None

Agenda Discussions:

Reclaim Basin cleaning; underway some materiel has been moved to dry out before removing.

Furnace update: Two electric furnaces have been replaced and are working at this time. The basement furnace, which is next, and an original furnace need some attention. Discussion on replacing the furnace took place and a motion by Eichler Seconded by Carson to have the basement furnace replace with the bid submitted at \$3,276.00 this will update all the heating at the plant and the intake building. Vote all ayes motion carried.

Intake Inspection: The boat is in the water the test will be in the near future.

Flow Testing: To be done as soon as the intake is inspected. Will be ramped up over several days.

Water Rate Discussion; Discussion of the rate increase on water after the presentation by ACI financing. Board will take action at the next regular township meeting to increase the rate suggested by ACI. Tape rates for water and sewer to remain the same and no increase on the current sewer rate. Turn on and turn off fees was discussed as we currently charge \$25.00. Discussion was held as to cost of service for turn on turn offs. Sandi Denman joined the conversation to address the fee. She worked some numbers and felt with Rich's time and hers book keeping so forth. She had estimated about \$40.00 as the cost to turn on or off. Board discussion continued on the increasing the fee and applying it to all turn on and offs. Motions by Carson second by Eichler to increase

the turn off and turn on fee to \$40.00 affective the 4th of April.
Vote: All ayes motion carried.

Sewer Collection System Study: Board discussed the Study and ok'd to release the study to GRSDA.

Pay Request By ACI: Billing for the Water rate study was submitted by ACI. Discussion by board and a Motion by Korcek to pay ACI finance \$14,000.00 for services rendered, seconded by Geukes. Vote; All ayes motion carried.

Connection Fee for Connection to (GRSDA): Supervisor made board members aware that GRSDA considering imposing additional fee on top of tap fees collected for GRSDA.

Merritt Engineering pay request Metallurgical Testing: Discussion on the billing submitted. No action taken, to be explained and brought back next meeting.

Public Comment: None

Next Meeting Date: May 2nd 2006 at 12:00 noon

Adjournment: Motion by Carson, seconded by Eichler to Adjourn at 1:03pm. Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried Adjourned.

Submitted by John Gast.