

MINUTES
LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
UTILITY BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2006
12:00 NOON

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting called to order by Supervisor John Gast at 12:11 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board members present were John Gast, Supervisor; Gloria Payne, Clerk; Betty Korcek, Treasurer, Trustees Tom Carson, Terry Eichler and William "Bill" Geukes. James Stine, Jr., was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

Tom Traciak, ACI Finance
Richard "Dick" Wendt, Dickinson Wright
Scott Dienes, DeFrancesco & Dienes
Stewart Beach, Water Plant Superintendent
Loren Berndt, Park Committee

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Eichler seconded by Korcek to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2006 utility board meeting. Six ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Supervisor Gast asked that we place the approval of the September 2006 bills to the agenda. These were inadvertently omitted from the full board meeting on October 16, 2006. It was moved by Payne seconded by Geukes to add approval of the September 2006 bills to the Utility Board agenda. Six ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2006 BILLS

After brief review of the September 2006 bills, it was moved by Geukes, seconded by Carson to approve the September 2006 Bills totaling \$168,219.06. Six ayes, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Gast turned the floor over to Stewart Beach, Lake Charter Township's Water Plant Superintendent. He indicated that the Snow Road water main project is one month ahead of schedule due to the good weather.

Mr. Beach passed out to board members an Evaluation of Community Water Supply Summary which depicted an overall rating of satisfactory. There are no immediate concerns and recommendations are forthcoming.

Mr. Beach reported that Peerless Midwest would like to pull and service Service Pump #1 this week, but not bill us until January 2007.

Supervisor Gast reported that Etna contacted us and indicated that we only need to purchase one meter gun. A replacement would be supplied by them if the gun is lost or broken.

AGENDA ITEMS

Presentation by Tom Traciak of ACI Finance

Supervisor Gast turned the floor over to Tom Traciak of ACI Finance. He recapped were we are presently regarding the water plant improvements. Two million dollars is needed for the one million gallon storage tank by February, 2007. \$4.8 million dollars is needed for the water filtration system by June 2007. Discussion of the funds needed to build the Public Safety Building was mentioned as well. So the question that needs to be answered is whether to use cash on hand for these projects, to bond, or to raise water rates (on the water plant improvements only) or to levy mills.

If financing is secured through bonding, a resolution of intent to issue bonds must be adopted. This resolution must be approved by November 20, 2006 and published in the newspaper spelling out for what amount you intend to bond for. Any costs incurred 60 days from the date the resolution is adopted may be reimbursed back to the township, such as engineering fees, etc.

After discussion, a motion was made by Eichler seconded by Carson to hire Richard “Dick” Wendt of Dickinson Wright to represent us as bond attorney and work with Tom Traciak to accomplish the notice for publication. Six ayes, motion carried.

Attorney Wendt will draft the Notice of Intent and have it ready for our November 20, 2006 board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NEXT MEETING

December 5, 2006 at 12:00 Noon.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Eichler seconded by Carson to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m. Six ayes, motion carried.

Dated: _____

Gloria A. Payne, Clerk

Dated: _____

John Gast, Supervisor