

**MINUTES
LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Thursday, August 9, 2007
12:00 Noon**

CALL TO ORDER/MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

John Wilemin, Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber

GUESTS PRESENT

Daniel Shelton, Shelton Construction Co.
Thomas Brown, Linear Electric
Rob, Davis Construction
Shawn Evertt and Bert Pearson, Jr., Pearson Construction Co.

AWARD OF BID RECEIVED FROM CONTRACTORS FOR MICRO-FILTRATION MEMBRANE SYSTEM

Supervisor Gast reminded board members of the bids received on June 11, 2007 for the Lake Charter Township Water Treatment Plant Improvements - Membrane Filtration System. Davis Construction \$3,335,194.00; Pearson Construction \$3,355,200.00; Shelton Construction \$3,328,300.00 and Miller Davis \$3,500,000.00.

Supervisor Gast informed board members the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality permit has been issued. Trustee Geukes asked whether there were any special conditions, or changes since the MDEQ permit has now been issued? Supervisor Gast turned the floor over to John Wilemin of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, he indicated that an air gap valve for the water tank piping was the only change.

Supervisor Gast, after reviewing the bids submitted, and consulting with John Wilemin of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, the engineer for Lake Charter Township, commented that all three contractors have submitted a viable bid estimate to perform the scope of construction requested.

Trustee Geukes asked whether all issues were addressed with regard to the sub-contractors with regard to Shelton Construction's bid and Davis Construction bid? John Wilemin indicated they have been addressed.

It was moved by Gast seconded by Eichler to award the bid to Pearson Construction which will best serve the Township's expectations and provide a quality structure for the addition of the micro-filtration project to the Lake Charter Township Water Plant facility in the amount of \$3,355,200.00. Roll call vote: Gast yes; Payne yes; Korcek yes; Carson yes; Eichler yes; Geukes yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rob of Davis Construction expressed his concerns as to why Shelton Construction and Davis Construction were skipped over and why the project was awarded to Pearson Construction. Clerk Payne indicated that the fact that we are sitting in a building that was built by Pearson in 1982, twenty-five years later is in great shape and still is up-to-date with no issues, is the reason for awarding the contract to Pearson. Trustee Eichler indicated that the workmanship of Pearson Construction came down to quality and the ease of working with them. Trustee Carson echoed the sentiments of Clerk Payne and Trustee Eichler. Trustee Geukes stated that he works in the construction business and its disheartening when you don't get the job, however, this boiled down to the sub-contractors on the mechanical and electrical end of things and Pearson will go to great lengths to see that the job is done correctly, and due to the number of the letters of recommendation received.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Geukes seconded by Payne to adjourn the meeting. Six ayes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

Dated: _____

Clerk

Gloria A. Payne,

Dated: _____

Supervisor

John W. Gast,