

**MINUTES**  
LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
UTILITY BOARD MEETING  
January 3, 2008  
12:00 NOON

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor John Gast at 12:07 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Stewart Beach, Water Plant Superintendent  
John Willemin, Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber  
Sean Ebbert, Pearson Construction  
Dave Kunde  
Sandi Denman

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Geukes, seconded by Stine to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2007 utility board meeting. Six ayes, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Supervisor Gast asked to add two items to the agenda as follows:

- 3) Disposition of Spiral Staircase.
- 4) Public Water System Interconnection Agreement.

It was moved by Korcek, seconded by Geukes, to add two items to the agenda. Six ayes, motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

***Preconstruction Meeting Minutes***

Supervisor Gast indicated that the minutes of the construction meeting of December 5, 2007 were included in board members packets. There will be further discussion on this matter later in the meeting on the update of the project.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

***Pearson Construction Pay Request #3***

Supervisor Gast informed board members that Pearson Construction, Inc. is submitting Pay Request #3 in the amount of \$157,778.00. Trustee Stine asked if this amount included the additional cost. John Willemin said this payment is only for work completed that has been approved. It was moved by Eichler, seconded by Korcek to approve pay request #3 in the amount of \$157,778.00 to Pearson Construction Company for the Lake Township Water system improvements for the micro-filtration project for period covering September 1, 2007 to December 21, 2007. Six ayes, motion carried.

### Master Plan Billing

Supervisor Gast presented an invoice from Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc. in the amount of \$1,060.00 for the Lake Township Water System Master Plan for the billing period of November 03, 2007 through November 30, 2007. Supervisor Gast asked when the project would be done. John Willemin indicated that it is in progress and in the next month or two they should see a draft report. Lake Charter Township Water Plant Superintendent, Stewart Beach distributed a report of the final pumpage of water for Lake Township. Stewart indicated that John was waiting for this report. John Willemin stated that the draft report will cover many areas such as intake lines, supply, elevated storage, getting water to the water plant and getting water out of the plant to the south, as well as other kinds of things.

Trustee Eichler asked if the State of Michigan can take back the permit the Township has for the intake to the lake. Willemin said he did not know if the State of Michigan could do that but talked about the various matters needed to be done and the State's involvement. He said there are a lot of things up in the air at this time. Motion by Stine, seconded by Geukes, that the request of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc., in the amount of \$1,060.00.00 for the Lake Township Water System Master Plan for period of November 03, 2007 through November 30, 2007 be approved. Six ayes, motion carried.

### Membrane System

Supervisor Gast presented an invoice from Fishbeck, Thompson Carr & Huber in the amount of \$36,608.51 for the Lake Township Water Membrane System for period from November 03, 2007 through November 30, 2007. John Willemin said there remains a budget of \$214,269.50 for the labor and a remaining reimbursement budget of \$29,928.91. Motion by Eichler, seconded by Korcek that payment is approved. Six ayes, motion carried.

### Public Safety Building - Abonmarche

Supervisor Gast submitted an invoice from Abonmarche in the amount of \$8,000.00 for the Public Safety Building. He said this is just a draw on the original service fee in amount of \$8,000.00. Motion by Korcek, seconded by Eichler, that the payment of \$8,000.00 to Abonmarche for the public safety building for period through November 30, 2007, be approved. Six ayes, motion carried.

### Merritt Engineering/CSX

Supervisor Gast said Merritt Engineering provided the board with an explanation of costs associated with items on the Browntown Road water main replacement. He said it was placed in the packet to show that the breakdown was provided. This agenda item was approved at the last meeting.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### Micro-Filtration Project Update

Supervisor Gast turned the floor over to John Willemin who gave a progress report. He said that the neutralization tank is poured and is curing and the next thing to do is to do a water test on it. He said work is being done to get the masonry started. We are close to seeing the building come up out of the ground. It's far enough along that there will most likely be a 10% draw request submitted soon. They are talking about delivery of equipment at the end of February. After that they will submit a draw for 80%. There was discussion on storage of equipment possibilities. Supervisor Gast will do some checking of storage places on site. Supervisor Gast stated that Township is insured. Stewart

Beach reported that the crane is in and in use and spiral staircase has been cut out and is stored in water plant. The regular staircase is in place.

Stairway Pricing Cost

Supervisor Gast presented to the board a bid/quote submitted by Fab-N-Weld to Pearson Construction for the final pricing on the stairway replacement for the claricone room in the amount of \$18,700.00. Supervisor Gast said some discussion came up on the stairway itself, in that, they may have to change some of the exit lights. Also, discussion came up about paying for the stairway out of capital improvement and taking money out of the construction cost. He said Sean would bill separately and monies would come out of capital improvement budget in 2008. Motion by Korcek, seconded by Geukes, to approve the payment in the amount of \$18,700.00 for the stairway replacement. Six ayes, motion carried.

Disposition of Spiral Staircase

Supervisor Gast indicated that the staircase is cut in three pieces and is in the building. He said some people wish to purchase it. He requested that pieces be sold at least as scrap value. Eichler said scrap is at .7 cents a pound at this time. Supervisor Gast said he and Dave Kunde would check and see what they think it is worth and call it scrap value plus.

Public Water System Interconnection Agreement

Supervisor Gast presented a draft of the water agreement on the public water system interconnection. He said he just got the agreement today and this is just moving forward in getting the connection done. He said after the board looks it over, the draft agreement will be presented to the Southwestern Michigan Regional Sanitary Sewer and Water Authority for their approval also. He asked the board to look it over and highlight any concerns and they will discuss it at the next Utility Meeting or the Township Board meeting on January 21, 2008. If no problems then it can be signed and returned to the Southwestern Michigan Regional Sanitary Sewer and Water Authority.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Stewart Beach discussed the watermain in New Troy and said it has all been installed and passes the pressure test, it has been chlorinated, and bacteria testing is being done. He said the property owners should be able to get their taps put in.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Utility Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at 12:00 Noon.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Eichler, seconded by Geukes, to adjourn the meeting. Six ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Gloria A. Payne, Clerk

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John Gast, Supervisor

