

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 8:30 a.m. WESTERN
WASHTENAW COUNTY SERVICE CENTER
705 N. Zeeb Rd, 2nd Floor Room 2010

Members Present: Lauren Smith, Andrew Schmidt, Gary McCririe, Kathleen Root, Molly Maciejewski, Mike McCormick

Members Absent: Evan Pratt

Liaison Present: Commissioner Katie Scott

Public Present: None

Staff Present: Theo Eggermont, Public Works Director
Lauren Koloski, Environmental Supervisor
Michelle Katz, Water Resources Program Coordinator

1. **Call to Order**
Chair, Schmidt called meeting at 8:30 a.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion by Maciejewski, supported by Smith to approve the agenda as presented.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
Regular Meeting- February 16, 2022
Motion by McCririe, supported by Maciejewski to approve the meeting minutes of February 19, 2022, as presented. Motion carried.
4. **Public Comment-Related to Meeting Agenda Items**
Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker)**
No Public Present.
Schmidt asked question about providing hybrid meeting option from public presence for meetings. Eggermont mentioned there must be a request submitted from any public wishing to attend for these meetings.
5. **Reports/Program Update**
 - A) Lake Improvement Projects Update
Koloski reported the 2022 treatment season is under way. She also mentioned the Resolution to Support Eurasian Milfoil Monitoring presented at the November 17, 2021, meeting, where Dr. Colin Brooks was planning to conduct milfoil surveys, this project did not get the funding expected. She passed along his appreciated support for the project and mentioned there may be other projects we could possibly participate in he may do. Koloski also reported that the 2022 permits applications have been submitted to EGLE.
Koloski also reported new Phoslock treatment is expected this year on North Lake to combat algae blooms. AE Progressive and Clarke will be working to pinpoint locations of the phosphorus sources and will be conducting mass sampling to lower the levels of

phosphorus to prevent the algae blooms. There will be data collected and she will report those findings at the end of the treatment season.

Eggermont mentioned the BPW packets have Resolutions to begin the PA185 project for Joslin Lake, North Lake and LHRCOL. He provided background for these proposed lake projects and expected project lengths. He also mentioned the LHRCOL project is shrinking to less of the lakes in the Chain as Hamburg Township will proceed with PA188 process for those lakes in the upper chain. He mentioned that the Webster Township meeting was held last night for the approval of the LHRCOL project. Koloski mentioned the project was supported to continue with the project by Webster Township with just a few questions on the assessment amounts that she was able to answer.

Eggermont also mentioned logistics of the preliminary public hearing schedules, that would include Hybrid availability for residents to attend remotely, providing projects are approved and asked for the Board's input on any suggestions or commentary. Smith asked about the LHRCOL and percentage of residents that attended the last project which included those northern lakes. Eggermont reported we did not have data available. Discussion of logistics for the proposed public hearings and scheduling dates for venues. Maciejewski mentioned preferable to hold the North Lake meeting first and the LHRCOL after on the same night to allow for any run over for the larger resident participation for the LHRCOL project at Dexter Township Hall. Joslin Lake project will be held at Lyndon Township Hall for those lake residents on a separate date. Eggermont mentioned the Resolutions for the three lake projects will be voted on in the Action Items of the agenda for Board of Public Works approval to proceed with the projects supporting the Townships passed resolutions. Smith asked about Joslin Lake assessment amounts and increase. Eggermont explained the previous project's, the proposed project year one assessment amount in comparison with the project startup expenses, since it has been a few years since any treatments have been done to ensure those assessments cover the projected expenses. Smith asked about the DNR assessments. Koloski mentioned she has been building a collaboration with a MDNR contact, with regards to assessing amounts/calculations for MDNR property and public launch sites and any events they hold. She mentioned there is a standard assessment amount, for public launch property owned by the State, as they also receive benefit from the assessed projects.

B) PIAC

- Sponsorship Recommendations

Eggermont reported the PIAC advisory committee meeting has moved to bi-monthly meetings to allow for the sub-committees to meet on the alternate months.

Eggermont discussed PIAC recommendations to provide sponsorship for the Ypsilanti Charter Township Recycling Carts. Ypsilanti Township services 15,200 residents with Waste Management contract and learned through grant funding last year how residents recycle materials. This sponsorship would provide recycling carts to residents instead of residents having to rent those carts to recycle materials, also proposed maintenance funding for those carts.

C) WRRMA Update

- Approved Meeting Minutes from 1/24/2022

Eggermont reported they are researching possible benefits to create a joint Request for Proposal for contracting for bids collaboratively to standardize services for recycling, trash, and compost materials. He mentioned that the municipalities would contract with WWRMA who would then hold the contracts for the haulers, and WWRMA would provide those municipalities those services needed in the communities.

Eggermont also mentioned they are also engaged in a regional drop off station, working on the logistics and working on regional goals in upcoming meeting. He also mentioned looking to tour the current Ann Arbor DOS in May or June.

E) Directors Report

Eggermont reported Arbor Hills meeting, consent agreement went through last week. He mentioned there are a lot of items included in the new regulations, highlights include, additional monitoring, tree line screen installment around facility and construct a home toxins collection center, required to be open within 300 days from last Thursday. He mentioned they will pay the county \$75,000 a year to operate facility, they will also pay all disposal costs, and the location is a better facility for collection. The minimum requirement is the Center will be open 4 hours and 4 days a week minimally. Legal council is currently reviewing the consent agreement. He mentioned the annual meeting with GFL will likely be set up in August this year.

Eggermont also reported waste hauler pulled service out of a local municipality servicing 5,000 residents. He mentioned the contact expired a few years ago as well, allowing the township to seek alternate more affordable service. He mentioned he has been working with various groups to create resources for municipalities to achieve assistance to create single haulers and create ordinances for communities.

Eggermont also mentioned they are working with the City of Ann Arbor with grant funding on the educational/tagging imitative for contamination of recyclables, same as last year in Ypsilanti Township. Also working with WWRA on education and possible monitoring of recyclable contamination data collection.

6. Action Items

A) Resolution Approving a Sponsorship, Ypsilanti Charter Township Recycling Carts

a. Scope of Work from request

Motion by Maciejewski, supported by Smith to approve the Resolution Approving a Sponsorship, Ypsilanti Charter Township Recycling Carts as presented. Roll Call Vote. Motion carried.

B) North Lake Improvement Project Resolution to Initiate and Establish

a. Township Resolutions

b. Attachment A: Description of Project

c. Attachment B: BOC Resolution

Motion by Root, supported by McCormick to approve the Resolution for the North Lake Improvement Project to Initiate and Establish as presented. Roll Call Vote. Motion carried.

C) Joslin Lake Improvement Project Resolution to Initiate and Establish

a. Township Resolution

b. Attachment A: Description of Project

c. Attachment B: BOC Resolution

Motion by Root, supported by McCormick to approve the Resolution for the Joslin Lake Improvement Project to Initiate and Establish as presented. Roll Call Vote. Motion carried.

D) Lower Huron River Chain of Lakes Improvement Project Resolution to Initiate and Establish

a. Township Resolutions

b. Attachment A: Description of Project

c. Attachment B: BOC Resolution

Motion by Maciejewski, supported by Root to approve the Resolution for Lower Huron River Chain of Lakes Improvement Project to Initiate and Establish as presented. Roll Call Vote. Motion carried.

C) Debt Retirement Voucher 8313

Motion by Maciejewski, supported by McCormick to approve Voucher 8313 as presented. Motion carried.

D) Memorandum of Claims Vouchers 8314-8317

Motion by McCririe, supported by Root to approve Vouchers 8314-8317 as presented. Motion carried.

7. **Financial Reports**

Received and filed.

Schmidt asked about the GASB. Standard Accounting practices. Schmidt also discussed the financial reporting and % budgeted and spent. Smith asked about Whitmore Lake renewal. Eggermont responded that due to the balance of the fund, we are not expecting to renew the project until next year, which means we will still provide treatment services, but we will not assess. Smith asked about the contingency amount budgeted for Chain of Lakes. Eggermont mentioned this is the flexibility line for the budget lines. Smith mentioned the WWRA operating funds that there is an error in the report for the interest. Katz will make correction.

8. **Other Business**

None

9. **Public Comment- General/Un-related to Current Meeting Agenda Items**

Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

No Public Present

10. Meeting Adjourned at 9:22 a.m.



Evan Pratt, Secretary