



ALLEGAN COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Allegan County Board of Public Works Meeting Minutes – July 17, 2008

1. A regular meeting of the Allegan County Board of Public Works was called to order by Chairman Fred Neils at 2:00 p.m. on July 17, 2008, in the office of the Secretary, Allegan County Building, Allegan, Michigan.
2. Members present: Fred Neils, Gale Dugan, Al Meshkin, Paul VanEck and Bev Green, Chief Deputy Drain Commissioner, for Becky Rininger, Drain Commissioner.
Members absent: Bill Nelson, and Steve Jurczuk
Also present: Denise Medemar, Deputy Secretary
Others present: David Van de Roovaart, Allegan Co. Finance Director; Tom Deneau, P.E. Wightman & Associates; Troy Tooker, Cheshire Township Supervisor; Robert Wicklander, President, Eagle Lake Association; and Cary Hamann, Board Member, Eagle Lake Association.
3. Minutes of the March 20, 2008, regular meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved as presented in a motion made by Meshkin and seconded by VanEck.

Old Business:

4. Eagle Lake Sewer Project
Presentation by Thomas Deneau, P.E., Wightman & Associates
Mr. Deneau started by explaining the history of the project. He stated that the Bloomingdale Area Utilities Authority did have funding for a project going through Rural Development for Eagle Lake and Duck Lake. It was decided to proceed with the project under Act 233 where petitions were submitted and an election was held in both Cheshire and Bloomingdale Townships and the Village of Bloomingdale. The project was defeated in all three units of government. The Eagle Lake Association would like to continue with at least the Eagle Lake portion of the project to provide sewer to Eagle Lake. The Eagle Lake Association has gone to Cheshire Township, and the Township is willing to proceed with a project and requests the assistance of Allegan County, but Cheshire Township is not willing to pledge full faith and credit because that was the main reason it was brought before the voters and the voters turned it down. They do have between 70-80% of the homeowners on the lake that have signed the petition for the project. There are several properties on the lake that have pump and haul systems because the soil is inappropriate. Mr. Deneau did talk to Don Keim about this project and Mr. Keim did have some concerns with the County going forward with the project without the full faith and credit of the Township. Mr. Deneau explained that this would go through Rural Development for federal funding, this would not be an open bond sale. Mr. Deneau has talked to Todd MacLean from Rural Development and

they are willing to finance the project without the full faith and credit pledge of either the Township or the County. Their rules do not require full faith and credit pledge. Would the county be willing to proceed on that basis? They are looking at trying to finance this project through Rural Development with a 20% grant which they were able to obtain before and still may be eligible for. Rural Development would like them to apply in the name of the County if this is going to be the office that will be handling it. This grant would be paid back with benefit fees, monthly rate charge and front foot assessments, after that they would like to do an Act 94 TIFA (Tax Increment Financing Authority) District. The administrative portion would be done by the Township and the monthly billings may be handled by an outside firm.

After many questions asked and answered and discussion, a motion was made by Meshkin, seconded by Dugan, that Allegan County Board of Public Works continue to work and discuss with Cheshire Township to work towards establishing a municipal sewer service in the area around Eagle Lake and request that Cheshire Township have further discussions with Bond Counsel and Financial Advisers to bring more information back to us. Motion carried by roll call vote: Aye: Neils, Dugan, VanEck, Meshkin and Green (for Rininger). Nay: None. Absent: Jurczuk and Nelson.

5. Miner Lake Sewer Project

The letter from Miller Canfield dated 6/12/08 explaining the Miner Lake sewer project was discussed.

6. Martin Well Head Project

Project Balance - A motion was made by Dugan, seconded by VanEck, to accept Martin Village's Resolution dated May 12, 2008 requesting the balance of \$6477.25 plus accrued interest, from the wellhead protection project, be credited by Allegan County Board of Public Works toward the next payment due by the Village of Martin. Motion carried by roll call vote: Aye: Dugan, VanEck, Meshkin, Green (for Rininger) and Neils. Nay: None. Absent: Jurczuk and Nelson.

7. County Water Supply Update

Meshkin reported that in June Laketown Township and the City of Holland approved a new water contract. The contract goes through 2020 with an automatic 5 year extension if needed. Part of the contract states that Laketown Township and the City of Holland will work together toward a water plant.

The Department of Natural Resources is beginning a new master plan study starting next week of the Saugatuck Dunes State Park.

Laketown Township signed a new five year lease on the property east of the Felt Mansion to work toward a land exchange from the State of Michigan.

8. Inter-municipal Sewer Report

Dugan gave a short report.

New Business:

9. None

Miscellaneous:

10. None.

Adjournment:

Dugan motioned, seconded by VanEck, to adjourn meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

/s/ Denise Medemar
Deputy Secretary

The next regular meeting of the Allegan County Board of Public Works is currently scheduled for August 21, 2008 at 1:30 p.m., in the office of the Secretary, Allegan County Building, 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, Michigan.