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EXCERPT FROM HAMBURG TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

To the attention of: Patrick J. Hohl, Supervisor
Hamburg Township Board of Trustees

Re: **Approved Municipal Utilities Committee Minutes**

Please be apprised of this excerpt from the Unapproved Approved Minutes of the Meeting of the Hamburg Township Sewer Committee:

Date of Meeting: February 14th, 2024

Sewer Committee Members Present: Hohl, Michniewicz

Sewer Committee Members Absent: Hahn


Text of Motion: MOTION BY HOHL, SUPPORTED BY MICHNIEWICZ TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10th, 2024 MUNICIPAL UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING AS PRESENTED.

Ayes: Hohl, Michniewicz Absent: Hahn Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

State of Michigan }
County of Livingston }
Township of Hamburg }

I, BRITTANY K. CAMPBELL, Hamburg Township Utilities Coordinator and recording secretary to the Municipal Utilities Committee, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct excerpt of the Minutes of the aforementioned Regular/~~Special~~ Meeting of the Hamburg Township Municipal Utilities Committee.


Date: February 14th, 2024
BRITTANY K. CAMPBELL
HAMBURG TOWNSHIP UTILITIES COORDINATOR

HAMBURG TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10th, 2024 – 2:30 P.M.
10405 MERRILL ROAD, HAMBURG, MI 48139

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Hahn at 2:30 p.m.

Roll Call of the Committee:

Present: Hahn, Michniewicz

Absent: Hohl

Also Present: Brittany Campbell, Tony Randazzo and Ryan Ward

2. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Hahn opened the call to the public and seeing no response, closed the call to the public.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to be addressed at this meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BY MICHNIEWICZ, SUPPORTED BY HAHN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Ayes: Hahn, Michniewicz

Absent: Hohl

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

A. PFAS/PFOS Discussion

B. Manhole Inspection Program

C. 200 Series Grinder Pump Replacements

Current Business:

A. DPW Monthly Report – November/December 2023 Statistics

B. 2024 MUC Meeting Schedule

C. Municipal Water Pricing Review and New Tap Fee Schedule

D. Bawol Refund Request – 3290 Shawnee Trail

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION BY MICHNIEWICZ, SUPPORTED BY HAHN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 8th, 2023 MUNICIPAL UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING AS PRESENTED.

Ayes: Hahn, Michniewicz

Absent: Hohl

Nays: None

Motion passed.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. PFAS/PFOS Discussion. Hahn asked if the Township had received the results from the PFAS testing of wells near Buck Lake as requested by EGLE. Randazzo replied that testing for 2 of the homes came back as non-detect for PFAS. Randazzo then noted that wells for 2 homes came back with very low levels of 7 out of the 28 compounds tested as part of the PFAS testing but were still below the safety thresholds. They did not find PFAS or PFOA in the 2 wells. Hahn asked if the Township received any resistance from the homeowners to collect the samples. Randazzo noted that Ryan Ward and Jon Sharp spoke with the owners and were given permission to collect samples with no issues.

Hahn then asked if any other municipality in Livingston County was having any issues with EGLE regarding testing. Randazzo explained that MHOG has to test for a decommissioned wastewater plant since they still have monitoring wells and have to test the wells for private homes located nearby. Multi-Lakes is also required to complete testing for PFAS. Randazzo also stated that Brighton has PFAS at their plant but the issue is with PFAS in their sand beds.

Randazzo stated that EGLE has accepted the Township's pre-grant application for a \$50,000.00 grant that was only offered to seven entities. The full grant application is due by February 14th, 2024. Ward noted that EGLE has no further testing requirements for the Township at this time.

B. Manhole Inspection Program.

MOTION BY HAHN, SUPPORTED BY MICHNIEWICZ TO TABLE ALL UNFINISHED BUSINESS UNTIL NEW INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.

Ayes: Hahn, Michniewicz Absent: Hohl Nays: None

Motion passed.

C. 200 Series Grinder Pump Replacements.

MOTION BY HAHN, SUPPORTED BY MICHNIEWICZ TO TABLE ALL UNFINISHED BUSINESS UNTIL NEW INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.

Ayes: Hahn, Michniewicz Absent: Hohl Nays: None

Motion passed.

7. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. DPW Monthly Report – November/December 2023 Statistics. Randazzo noted that the wastewater treatment plant was in compliance for the months of November and December.

Randazzo indicated that the new heat exchanger and boiler were started up right before Thanksgiving. So far, the two units have performed as expected without any problems. Randazzo noted yesterday was a good test with the snow and freezing rain explaining that the Township now has the ability to handle high flow days during the winter without having to bypass the heat exchanger.

Ward noted that Biotech will be completing a sludge haul either this week or next week but realistically thinks it will be closer to the end of January or early February and noted they still have room in the sludge tanks so it will be alright until the sludge haul is completed. Lastly, Randazzo noted that all of the part-time on call employees have gone through their physicals and are now on the schedule. Michniewicz asked if Duane Hoepfner would be replaced since he is moving to the cemetery duties and Randazzo confirmed they would be replacing him on the schedule.

Ward reported that the power-protection upgrades have been completed for each pump station which will save on repairs and down time from having equipment damaged from over or under voltage power coming into the stations.

MOTION BY HAHN, SUPPORTED BY MICHNIEWICZ TO NOTE THE DPW MONTHLY REPORT AS RECEIVED AND TO BE FILED AND TO ALSO FORWARD A COPY TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD AS AN AGENDA ITEM FOR THEIR REVIEW.

Ayes: Hahn, Michniewicz Absent: Hohl Nays: None

Motion passed.

B. 2024 MUC Meeting Schedule. Campbell presented the proposed 2024 meeting schedule to the Committee noting that the meetings shall be held on the second Wednesday of the month beginning at 2:30 p.m. unless changed in advance by the Committee. Campbell will post the new meeting schedule to the Township website for public information. Hahn noted that he will be out of town for the February 14th and March 13th, 2024 meetings.

MOTION BY MICHNIEWICZ, SUPPORTED BY HAHN TO ADOPT THE 2024 MEETING SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT MEETINGS CAN BE CANCELLED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE UTILITIES COORDINATOR, SUPERVISOR AND UTILITIES DIRECTOR.

Ayes: Hahn, Michniewicz Absent: Hohl Nays: None

Motion passed.

C. Municipal Water Pricing Review and New Tap Fee Schedule. Campbell noted that at a special Board meeting held on November 27th, 2023 the Board passed a motion to direct the Utilities Committee to bring forward a new price restructuring for municipal water tap fees with a request for discount pricing for high volume purchases. Hahn stated that he feels that pricing of \$6,500.00 to \$7,500.00 per tap would be reasonable and asked what other municipalities were charging for their water tap fees. Campbell noted that Pat Hohl had mentioned working on a revised pricing schedule but that it was not available for this meeting. A recommendation to table the issue was made until further information could be presented.

MOTION BY MICHNIEWICZ, SUPPORTED BY HAHN TO TABLE THE ISSUE UNTIL FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABE.

Ayes: Hahn, Michniewicz

Absent: Hohl

Nays: None

Motion passed.

D. Bawol Refund Request – 3290 Shawnee Trail. Randazzo explained that the DPW staff responded to a grinder call at the property owner’s home on October 27, 2023. With the homeowner’s permission, the DPW staff backed up their truck to pump out the grinder pump can. Randazzo stated he then received a call on December 1, 2023 from Mr. Bawol requesting a refund for the charges he paid to a plumber, an electrician and for topsoil and grass seed for fixing the tire ruts in his yard. Randazzo stated that language is included on the quarterly sewer O & M bill, the Township newsletter and on the website letting residents know to call the Township before calling a plumber so he is not amenable to refunding the homeowner for this charge. The homeowner was also charged by an electrician working next door who overheard the discussion about not having power to the pump and noticed that the breaker in an electrical panel in the homeowner’s garage that supplied power to the grinder pump station had been shut-off or tripped during a power outage the day before. Randazzo noted that the Township is not responsible for the homeowner’s electrical panel and that the Township’s responsibility stops at the grinder pump control panel. Mr. Bawol also submitted invoices for topsoil and grass seed to fix his lawn. Randazzo stated that if the homeowner had contacted the Township in October when the weather was still decent the DPW staff could have made the lawn repairs but noted we would still have staff labor time involved. Randazzo recommends reimbursing the homeowner for the cost of the grass seed and topsoil.

MOTION BY MICHNIEWICZ, SUPPORTED BY HAHN TO REQUEST THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT TO REFUND THE PROPERTY OWNER FOR LAWN REPAIR SUPPLIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73.79.

Ayes: Hahn, Michniewicz

Absent: Hohl

Nays: None

Motion passed.

8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Seeing no requests to address the Sewer Committee, Hahn closed the call to the public.

9. INFORMATIONAL/EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL

There was no information and/or educational material available for this meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY HAHN, SUPPORTED BY MICHNIEWICZ TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

Ayes: Hahn, Michniewicz

Absent: Hohl

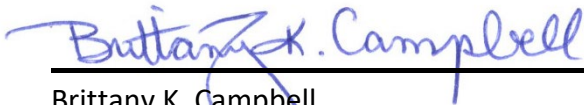
Nays: None

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

The foregoing is considered to be a true and accurate record of all items discussed. If any discrepancies or inconsistencies are noted, please contact the writer immediately.

Respectfully submitted,



Brittany K. Campbell

Hamburg Township Utilities Coordinator