

# TOWNSHIP

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# ONTWA TOWNSHIP WASTEWATER BOARD MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 22, 2018

# Meeting called to order 6:30

Acting Chairman Mike Mroczek called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

# Pledge of Allegiance

Acting Chair Mroczek asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

#### Roll Call

Acting Chair Mroczek took roll call:

Members present: John Brandt, Jeff VanBelle, John Bossler, Bruce Cassady.

Members Absent: Dan Stutsman

#### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Approve Agenda:** Acting Chair Mroczek expressed because of the visitors attending with the SJCRW & SD in the New Business section of the agenda he would like to amend the agenda by moving up #1 of New Business to immediately following the Approval of Last Meeting minutes. Member Bossler made the motion to modify the agenda and Member VanBelle supported. A vote was taken and all approved. Motion passes.

## Approve Last Meetings Minutes - July 25, 2018:

Minutes were reviewed by members. Member Cassady made a motion to approve last meeting minutes and Member Bossler supported. A vote was taken and all members approved the minutes. Motion passes.

#### **New Business**

1. Expansion of Granger Sewer System (SJCRW & SD)

Ken Jones, President and CEO of Jones, Petrie, Rafinski and Barry Skalski of Cressy & Everett were present to introduce the concept to expand the sewer system into Indiana. This is a preliminary design and may not take place for 5 to 7 years. Discussion followed.

#### **Financial Report:**

Acting Chair Mroczek noted the reports had been distributed in accordance with Ontwa Township policy and asked for approval of the July 2018 financial report. Member VanBelle made the motion to accept the July 2018 financial report and Member Bossler supported the motion. Discussion followed. Acting Chair Mroczek called for a roll call vote. Members Bossler, Brandt, VanBelle and Acting Chair Mroczek vote Yea. Member Cassady asked to be abstained. Motion carries.

#### **Wastewater Report:**

Wastewater Administrator Brigid Forlenza gave the Wastewater report.

**C-1:** Pumps are working. Ongoing with progress.

Easement & M62: Information sent to Waste Water Sewer System Attorney. In progress.

**Notice of Violation: Elkhart** 

A "Notice of Violation with Compliance Order" letter was received by the Ontwa Township Supervisor on July 31, 2018. A meeting took place between the City of Elkhart Public Works Department and Ontwa Township Waste Water members to investigate the issue. In conclusion the Ontwa Township

Sewer System was penalized in the amount of \$300.00. Ontwa Township Supervisor stated in a response letter to Elkhart Pubic works that the daily operations and routine maintenance of the wastewater system is contracted to a outside vendor and it is their responsibility to maintain all functions. Frank conversations have taken place with the vendor regarding their performance and consequences.

#### **SAW**

1. Asset Management Program - Frank LaPierre from Wightman & Associates passed out a summary listing of Ontwa Township Preventative Maintenance listing of Assets, Procedures and recommended frequencies. This information will be available on the software used by I.A.I. and Ontwa Township Sewer Systems to aid in operation of the waste water system.

## **Unfinished Old Business**

- 1. CI- preliminary design & site modification on going
- 2. Camp Wildwood Meter in process of modifying.
- 3. Easement & M62 on going
- 4. Odalogger End of Pipe on going process and on track.
- 5. Cobert Lake looking into process for next Spring.

#### **New Business**

Elkhart: Notice of Violation Covered under Waste Water Report.

## **ADJOURN:**

Acting Chair Mroczek asks for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Bossler makes a motion to adjourn and Member VanBelle supports. Motion Passes. Adjourn at 7:29