

# ONTWA

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### WASTEWATER BOARD MEETING

July 24, 2019 @ 6:30 PM

#### Meeting Called to Order

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

#### Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Mroczek asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

#### Roll Call

Chair Mroczek took roll call. Members present: John Brandt, Bruce Cassady, Jeff VanBelle, Dan Stutsman, John Bossler. Member absent; Frank LaPierre.

#### Public Comments (3 minutes per person)

There were no public comments.

#### Approve Agenda

Member Bossler made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Member VanBelle supported the motion. All member present vote Yea, no nays. Motion passes.

#### Approve Last Meeting Minutes - June 26, 2019 Minutes

Member Dan Stutsman made a motion to approve the June 26, 2019 minutes as presented. Member John Bossler supported the motion. No Discussion. All members present vote yea, no nays. Motion passes.

#### Financial Report

Chair Mike Mroczek explained the financial report contained some errors and would be corrected and discussed at the next Wastewater meeting.

#### Wastewater Report: Wastewater Administrator Brigid Forlenza presented the Wastewater Report.

- ARV force-main inspections on Elkhart Road will start soon.
- The C1 wet well cleaning is progressing.
- The 2 manhole covers on US 12 have been corrected.
- I.A.I. and CT Electric are working on the pressure gauge reinstallation.
- CD60 pump is on the way.
- There were no emergency call outs for I.A.I.
- B1 is in need of a new Generic generator because of rodent damage and age.
- I.A.I.'s monthly operations report is included in the packet.

#### Unfinished - Old Business

**1. C1 - preliminary design & site modification:** Have not received bids from Wightman and Associates (Kevin Marks) as of this time.

**2. Cobert Lake-** A motion was made by member Stutsman to remove Cobert Lake off of Old Business. Member Brandt supported the motion. No discussion followed. Roll call vote was taken. All yea and no nays. Motion passes.

**3. Expansion of Granger Sewer System (SJCRW & SD) -** Discussion followed as to the current situation of the Granger Sewer System and as of this time Ontwa Township is waiting for them to act. A motion was made by Member Cassady to remove this item from the agenda going forward until further action is taken. Member Stutsman supported the motion. No more discussion followed. A roll call vote was taken: all yea and no nays. Motion passes.

**4. Pumps - EDW 1 (Lake St.), C3 (Gateway), C5 (Brizandine)** received 2 of the 6 lift station pumps. Not installed as of yet.

## **New Business**

**1. St. Joseph County Regional Water & Sewer District (Granger)** - Notice of Violation letter was sent to SJCRW by Administrator Forlenza as was approved in the June Wastewater Board meeting. Ken Jones representing Jones Petri Rafinski and Dan Fox representing Astbury were present to discuss the procedure and options which are being put in place to solve the issue of the continued violations of being out of compliance. Discussion followed.

Administrator produced a letter to be amended by the Wastewater Board outlining the Proposed Wastewater Air Scrubber Installation Project - M62 South of May Street within Ontwa Township. Discussion followed. A motion to accept the letter as amended by the Board was made by Member Stutsman and Supported by Member Cassady. No further discussion. A roll call vote was taken. All members present vote yea. No nays. Motion carries.

**2. Generator - B1 - Seaside Court** - the 20-year-old generator has been damaged by rodents and needs to be replaced. The age of the generator is also a factor. A emergency plan has been created and put in place if needed with I.A.I. and Reliable in Niles. A motion was made by Member Bossler to purchase and install a Generac generator not to exceed \$22,500 for B1 Seaside Court lift station. Member Cassady supports the motion. No more discussion followed. A roll call vote was taken: all members present vote yea. No nays. Motion carries and goes to the next Board of Trustee's meeting.

**3. CFB** - Administrator Forlenza devised a letter to CFB regarding; CFB Significant, Continued Violations of the Ontwa Township Sewer Use Ordinance. The letter states "If CFB fails to take immediate steps to significantly reduce or eliminate the conditions giving rise to the TSS ad CBOD being transmitted to the Ontwa System, Ontwa will discontinue sanitary sewer service to CFB." The letter will be mailed per Administrator Forlenza. Discussion followed and modifications were entered into the letter. A motion was made to send the letter to CFB as amended by Member Stutsman. Member Bossler supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All member present vote yea. No nays. Motion carries.

## **Adjourn**

Member Stutsman makes the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Bossler supports the motion to adjourn. Meeting is adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Submitted by:

Lori Mroczek, Recording Secretary