

MINUTES
Twin Lakes Township
Wednesday, May 1, 2019
Town Board Meeting at the Carlton Fire Hall
5:30 p.m.

Board Chair Diane Felde-Finke opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Other board members present: Supervisor John Vernon, Supervisor Randy Willie, Clerk Sue Chapin. Absent: Treasurer Stephanie Schmitz.

- GUESTS:

- Ron Johnson, Mike Miller, and WLSSD Representatives Brandon Kohlts, Marianne Bohren, Cathy Remington, and Julie Macor:

Bohren explained for smaller communities they set a standard amount of loadings they expect to receive from the communities. They do testing to monitor that, and they say that our loadings are higher than we have been billed for, and that has been trending upwards for three years.

A map was distributed showing the line and the sampling location at Komoko Road. Macor handed out a chart showing BOD and TSS concentrations. Concentration is quite a bit stronger than what the standard billing has been. Bohren mentioned it is normal to have loadings change; for example, it could have possibly been caused by Kwik Trip.

Due to the increase in loadings, WLSSD will increase our billing. The total increase will be 45%, spread out over a few years, beginning in 2020. Our 2019 billing will remain the same, and we will not be billed extra for past years. Our estimated budget increase for 2020 is 14.15%, from \$82,514 in 2019 to \$94,187 in 2020.

Miller said that we've noticed that the flows from the casino change seasonally, and that going forward we need to coordinate sampling with WLSSD, so that we are sampling at the same time that they are. There is a discrepancy between what numbers WLSSD is coming up with and our sampling results.

The board questioned why our flows and loadings reports show that our numbers are good compared to the budget numbers. Bohren explained that the numbers on the flows and loadings reports do not show our actual numbers, but show the numbers that WLSSD had determined were appropriate for the township. Willie expressed the board's frustration that testing was showing our numbers up for three years, but we were not made aware of that until now, and he felt we were being blindsided. He asked why we did not have an opportunity to see accurate numbers. Macor explained that no adjustments are made if the numbers are high for a year, but because the numbers have been trending upwards for three years they are now approaching us.

Miller stated that accuracy in the testing is what we need to determine, and what sampling technique is the best to use. Discussion on various techniques; grab samples are not as good as 24-hour samples. Macor will check to see if WLSSD has a spare sampler for us to use, and Macor will work with Miller and Johnson to coordinate the sampling. Johnson explained the testing that the casino has been doing. The casino has not put in a grease interceptor yet.

Sampling will be coordinated over the next six months to provide data for any decision on billing increases to our sewer customers. That decision can't be made unless we know what is causing the increased numbers.

Vernon asked if the numbers improve over the next three years, would our increase still be as high as WLSSD is proposing? Bohren answered that no, the billing increase would be adjusted lower if the concentration goes down.

- Dave Guckenberg & Kurt Peters: Guckenberg owns property that could be a potential site for the water line booster station, and he is willing to sign a letter of intent to work with the township on an agreement for an easement. Willie explained that the letter of intent about the booster station site had changed quite a bit from the original draft, and that the inclusion of a definite commitment to provide sewer service to the property has complicated the original intent. Miller said that providing sewer depends on how the property is developed. Basic cost to extend the sewer could be from \$75,000 to \$100,000 for a smaller development. How the flows could affect the rest of the line needs to be considered. Sewer could be put in now, but it may be too small for future development. Guckenberg said that there are about 5 acres of land that could be developed, on the properties owned by Guckenberg and Peters. The original development plans had four buildings. In the current draft letter of intent, the commitment to a sewer connection was in two sections; one included it as part of compensation, and Guckenberg said he was willing to have it removed from that section. However, he still wants language in the letter saying we can extend the sewer to the property. Discussion on whether the property is in the WLSSD service area.

MOTION to approve the letter of intent contingent on coming to an agreement on language about potential sewer service, useage, and confirming that the property is in the WLSSD service area, was made by Felde-Finke and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.

Ron Johnson, Lift Stations Report: The water meter at the Americinn has not been repaired; he will work on getting someone to do that. Both stations ran without a problem for the entire month.

- Tom DesMarais, NCE: DesMarais went over the civil engineering agreement for the Gillogly Road Phase 2 project. **MOTION to approve the NCE Civil Engineering Agreement of \$94,100 for Gillogly Road work was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

Instead of a memorandum of understanding, the DNR now requires a permanent easement. They processed our application for that on April 18 and it will take two to three months to obtain an easement. Steve Overom mentioned the possibility of getting an access permit from the DNR, but they have not responded. DesMarais mentioned different options to deal with the lack of an DNR easement, but no definite decision was made at this time.

MOTION to approve the Resolution Receiving Bids and Awarding Contract For Gillogly Road Reconstruction Phase 2 Project, conditionally awarding the contract to KGM Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$893,784.35, was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.

MOTION to approve the April 17, 2019 minutes as printed was made by Vernon and seconded by Willie; Vernon and Willie voted yes, Felde-Finke abstained, the motion passed.

MOTION to approve the April 17, 2019 Board of Appeal and Equalization minutes as printed was made by Vernon and seconded by Willie; Vernon and Willie voted yes, Felde-Finke abstained, the motion passed.

MOTION to approve the April 19, 2019 Special Meeting minutes as printed was made by Vernon and seconded by Willie; all voted yes, the motion passed.

MOTION to pay all bills, check numbers #17010 - #17015 and electronic payment 941MAY19 for the total amount of \$24,827.71 was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Water Line: Willie, Mark Thell, and Derek Wolf are going to St. Paul tomorrow to meet with Senator Jason Rarick and Senator David Senjem to discuss the project. We are still in the bill for the full \$9 million. The board reviewed agreements for geotech and survey services at the proposed booster station site. **MOTION to approve the TPT Geotech agreement in the amount of \$3,275 and the LHB Survey agreement in the amount of \$3,000 was made by Vernon and seconded by Willie; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

NEW BUSINESS

- Pine Hill Golf: **MOTION to approve the liquor license for Pine Hill Golf was made by Felde-Finke and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

- Road Foreman: Discussion on the current wage of \$15 an hour paid to the Road Foreman, and the responsibilities that the position has. **MOTION to set the Road Foreman wage at \$20.00 an hour made by Felde-Finke and seconded by Willie; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

MOTION to amend the compensation resolution to reflect the Road Foreman wage as set out in the previous motion was made by Felde-Finke and seconded by Willie; all voted yes, the motion passed.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Moonlight Drive: A resident requested dust control for Moonlight Drive. **MOTION to add Moonlight Drive to the dust control order was made by Vernon and seconded by Felde-Finke; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

- Old East Chub Lake Road: A resident requested gravel for Old East Chub Lake Road; gravel and grading will be done when weather allows.
- Cracksealing: Cost estimates were received from Kiminski for cracksealing on roads that will be scrub sealed. Discussion on whether that needs to be done before scrub sealing, or if other works needs to be done. Felde-Finke will check with the county.
- Road Review: Road review has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, leaving the Carlton Fire Hall at 9 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Carlton Community Education, thank you for donation.
- Overom Law, letter regarding new firm.

MEETINGS

- None.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Vernon and seconded by Willie; all voted yes, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Chapin, Clerk

Diane Felde-Finke, Board Chair