

LaPorte County Regional Sewer District Meeting
January 10th, 2019
County Complex Meeting Room
LaPorte, Indiana 46350

TIME AND PLACE

The January 2019 LaPorte County Regional Sewer & Water Board District meeting was held January 10th, 2019 @ the LaPorte County Annex Building, Community Room # 2. Located @ 809 State St. LaPorte IN, 46350

ATTENDEES

Tony Mancuso, Dalia Zygas, Clay Howard, Mitch Bishop, and Doug Davie were all present. Gene Jonas & Jerry Jackson were absent.

APPOINTMENTS

The Board nominated and appointed officers for the following positions for the 2019 calendar year.

A) President:

Clay Howard makes the motion to nominate Tony Mancuso as the Board's President. Mr. Mancuso accepts the nomination. Mr. Davie seconded the motion, all were in favor.

B) Vice President:

Clay Howard motioned to nominate Mitch Bishop as the Board's Vice President. Mr. Bishop accepted the nomination. Ms. Zygas seconded the motion, & all were in favor.

C) Secretary:

Mitch Bishop makes the motion to appoint Doug Davie as the Board's secretary. Mr. Davie accepted the nomination. Clay Howard seconded the motion, & all were in favor.

D) Attorney:

Mr. Bishop makes the motion to reappoint Barry McDonnell as the Board's Attorney. Mr. Davie seconded the motion, & all were in favor.

E) Accountant:

Mr. Bishop makes the motion to appoint Stephen Carter, of O.W. Krohn & Associates as the Board's new accountant. Mr. Davie seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Zygas made the motion to accept the minutes from the Nov. 29th, 2018 meeting. Mr. Bishop seconded, and all were in favor.

REPORTS

- a) Financial Report
 - a. Horizon Bank Checking Account had a previous balance of \$17,984.19 as of Dec. 31st, 2018.
 - b. Deposits: \$2,340.00
 - c. Interest Paid: \$0.74
 - d. Ending Balance as of Jan. 10th, 2019 is \$20,324.93
- b) Rolling Prairie Fund # 4502
 - a. Rolling Prairie Account had a previous balance of \$62,948.30
 - b. Claims: \$0.00
 - c. Ending Balance as of Jan. 10th, 2019 is \$62,948.30

NOTE*

Mr. Mancuso reports that the amount listed in the Rolling Prairie fund is incorrect. He states that the Board has already approved to pay the County back \$30,000, and that the balance should be \$32,948.30 and that he would check into that. Mr. Howard makes the motion to accept the finance report with the correction, and Ms. Zygas seconded the motion, & all were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 1) Tom Ahart, Treasurer for the Hudson Lake Association, 7662 E, Lake Park Ave. Hudson Lake. Mr. Airhart states that he and other residents feel that it is time to address the water quality of Hudson Lake and the support for sewer lines to be brought there.
- 2) Jerry Radtke, of Radtke Engineering & Surveying, 5821 N US 35, LaPorte, sent out a letter to the LPCRSWD Board for approval to connect to the sewer lines. He stated that he hasn't received any response. Mr. Mancuso responds that he already sent out the letter of approval, & that he would resend another letter since the 1st one was never received.
- 3) Tom Euler, Hudson Lake Trustee, 7799 Hemlock Lane, New Carlisle, would like to rebut the comment from Mr. Airhart. He states that more residents are against sewer lines being brought to Hudson Lake.
- 4) Joe Talbot, 7662 N. Mulberry Lane, New Carlisle, stated that he is there to show support of bringing sewer lines to Hudson Lake.
- 5) Dianne Ahart, 7762 East Lake Park Ave, Hudson Lake. She was wanting to show support for sewer lines coming to Hudson Lake and asks how they get something started for that? She asks if they should they gather a petition? Mr. Mancuso states that is a place to start, & that nothing is on the board's agenda regarding sewer lines going to Hudson Lake at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

a) Award bids for Phase 2 Rolling Prairie Project

Ken Jones, JPR, there has been a successful bid letting, and that Selge Construction, of Niles, MI, has been recommended as the contractor. Mr. Jones states that there has been a snag in process, due to an appeal filed by a resident who owns 2 homes & 4 properties in the service area. He suggests not awarding the bid at this time until the matter has been brought to a resolution. Mr. Jones states that he will approach the contractor for an extension on the bid, so they will still have time to get the ball rolling after the prehearing held on Feb. 4th, 2019 & and State Hearing, held on Feb 14th, 2019, if needed, are conducted. Mr. McDonnell recommends delaying the awarding at least until the next meeting on Feb. 7th, 2019. Mr. Howard makes the motion to delay awarding the contract, Mr. Bishop seconded, and all were in favor.

b) I-94 & US 421 easement

Mr. Bishop states that there was a meeting with the Michigan City Sanitary Dept. discussing easements and the LPCRSWD getting their share of the money. The appraisals are being done now, so once the numbers come in on that, they can start drafting an agreement for discussion on how much money the board should expect to receive.

c) Astbury Water Correspondence

Dan Fox, Astbury Water, states that there was an email sent out with a few problems that have come up with equipment that need to be fixed @ the Toll Plaza. Mr. McDonnell asks that Astbury send another email with lists of repairs and if it can be categorized with prices of repairs needed. Mr. Jones, JPR, comments that the part of the incentive for the LPCRSWD to take over the property was that items in need of repair would be covered for the 1st year by the previous owner.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the LaPorte Regional Sewer & Water District will be held on Thursday, Feb. 7th, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in conference room #3 located in the County Annex building LaPorte, Indiana.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Howard made the motion to adjourn, Mr. Bishop seconded, and all were in favor.