

Superior Township Water Board Meeting Minutes January 21, 2025

The Meeting was called to order at 5:00 by Bill Munsell

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call of Board Members: Bill Munsell, Kathy Loup & Jim Sutton

Others in Attendance: Amy Eddy, Township Treasurer, Frank Toms, Water/Sewer Superintendent, Bay Mills Tribal members Whitney Gravel, Rebecca Lieby, Rachel Lyons, Briana Guna & Jeff Gargotian. Also Jay Parent from The Dept of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy.

Public Comment: None

Approval of the Agenda: Motioned by Kathy, seconded by Jim to approve the agenda. Motion was approved.

Approval of the minutes from 12/11/24. Motion by Jim, seconded by Bill to approve the minutes from the 12/11/24 meeting with corrections. Motion was approved.

New Business: Frank gave his monthly report listing problems with lift station pumps, needed repairs, replacements, inspections and failure of heaters. He expressed the need for generators for the water/sewer department. Also he spoke on plans for trainings and testing for his license.

Frank took the water/sewer computer to National Office. There was no information on the computer itself but it showed that a flash drive had been inserted and information was removed from the computer.

There was much discussion with the Bay Mills Tribal members about the completion of their building addition and the future added strain on the township sewer system. Jay Parent, EGLE, had additional comments and suggestions on the importance of maintaining and improving the system. Whitney Gravel provided the board with copies of the agreements between the tribe and the township. Billing problems to the tribe were also discussed.

The board also discussed the need for a water/sewer emergency plan in case of a system failure.

Bill Munsell made a motion that the Township Board engage with a consultant to assess the township sewer system and recommend corrective actions needed, seconded by Kathy. Motion was approved.

Old Business: The board received two applications for Water/Sewer Employee. It was decided to interview both applicants on Thursday, January 23rd. If one of the applicants is approved, a recommendation will be sent to the township board for their January 28th meeting.

A motion was made by Jim to direct the Township Clerk to send a letter to Brimley School and the State Park notifying each that there will be an increase in future billings due to errors in the calculation of the of the water meters. Corrections will be made in the first quarter of 2025. Seconded by Kathy. Motion was approved.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 seconded by Bill. Motion was approved.

Kathy Loup