

Superior Township Water Board Meeting

Tuesday January 16th, 2024

Meeting called to order 6:00 pm

Roll call of board members: Ron Mills, Nick Garling, Jo Harris and Jim Busha

Guest: Lyle Hoornstra

No public comment

Lack of an existing water meter at the Catholic Church was discussed and Jo Harris will send them out a letter giving them the following three choices to resolve the missing water meter issue.

1. Have a meter installed, then the church will begin making payments based upon Township Commercial water/sewer rates. The church will need to have the new meter yoke installed and then arrange for the township to install the meter.
2. Water will be shut off to the church at the curb stop.
3. The church may feed the primary church building from the Hall which currently has its own water meter, again this will be billed based on the Township Commercial water/sewer rate schedule.

Jo reported that none of the companies she contacted in the fall to provide a quote to repair the manholes on Irish Line Rd provided any quotes. The Water Board members will follow-up with additional companies that could possibly preform this work and will send out request for proposals after the next board meeting in order to give enough notice that the repairs could be completed next summer.


Lyle indicated that they are currently spending a lot of time trying to turn some defective curb stops on and off due to the way they were originally installed. He suggested that possibly the township could set up a program to start repairing/replacing the bad valves, maybe do a few each year depending on funds available for this work.

The board discussed the excessive number of service calls being made because of grease being dumped into the sewer system from Bay Mills Casino. We want to make sure the service hours for this work are being tracked correctly for all the water/sewer employees. This type of work needs to be clearly reported on timecards so the proper billing can be done. We also need to verify that the work in being charged at the proper rate. Billing rates for this type of service work, which needs to be done because the customer is at fault in lieu of general maintenance,

need to be reviewed. We need to make sure the billing rates include hourly wages, insurance, PTO, tool overhead, vehicle, equipment cost and administrative cost.

Jim Busha brought up the need for the Township to update the township ordinance regarding the discharging of grease into the public sewer system. He will start gathering information from the federal government and download some example ordinances from other municipalities.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm



James F. Busha.

Cynthia Wilson 5/8/24