

Superior Township Water Board Meeting

Tuesday March 19, 2024

Meeting called to order 6:00 pm

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

Public comment

Concern was raised about the catch basins being so low in M-221 ever since the road was resurfaced. This item was discussed, and these are owned by the state of Michigan, so MDOT is responsible for those catch basins.

Repair of the manholes along Irish Line Road was discussed and the Board has allocated \$18,000.00 in next years budget to get them repaired, we felt this amount was low but at this point no quotes have been attained so an accurate price to do the work is unknown.

Condition of the existing sewer system throughout the Township was discussed and Nick made a motion request the Twp. Board to allow us to get bids to have a company survey and camera the existing sewer system and provide a report so we have a better understanding of the system's condition so we would know what work will be needed to maintain the system in the future.

This motion was seconded by Ron 4- yes 0-no

Nick also made a motion to have the Twp. Board contact MDOT to try and get the catch basins raised along M-221.

This motion was seconded by Jim 4-yes 0-no


We discussed the purchase of a new vacuum trailer for the township to use to maintain the sewer system. Specifications for a new trailer were given to Rich Phillips but we will need to follow up with Rich to see if the trailer will meet his needs in the field. The purchase of this item is not currently in next year's budget.

Billing for work required by customers for new services or above normal maintenance because of customer actions was discussed to determine if we were billing the correct hourly rates to cover all the Townships cost and to make sure we were billing for equipment usage. Jo indicated that additional billing was being sent out at the standard Township rates and they were also being billed for any materials used to make the repair. The Twp. Board should review the hourly billing rates to make sure they are correct and determine billing rates for equipment.

Proper cross connection protection for residences and building was discussed to determine if there has ever been a survey to determine if our public water supply system is being protected. If there was ever a lack of pressure in the system or there was an issue with a private boiler system of fire suppression there is potential for non-potable water to enter our system. This could prove to be a large liability for the Township and a possible health hazard for our residents. We will ask Rich Phillips if he knows if this has ever been looked at.

It was brought up that a portion of the fence surrounding the lagoon has been knocked down, this needs to be repaired as soon as possible. Again, this could be a large liability for the Township.

Meeting Adjourned 7:45



JAMES F. BUSCH
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