

Portage-Base Lakes Sewer Area Water & Sewer Authority
Monday, November 15, 2010
Hamburg Township Hall Building
Regular Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Kleinschmidt called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
Present: Semprevivo, McCloskey, Ehman, Kleinschmidt
Absent: Moody
Also Present: Randazzo, Rick Kangas

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Ehman, supported by McCloskey, to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice Vote: Ayes-4, Absent-1 (Moody)

MOTION CARRIED

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

A call was made with no response.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

There was one piece of correspondence given to the Board from Jeanette Makries, of the DNRE.

Kangas stated he would be sending her a response to the recommendations outlined in her letter.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. American Aqua Presentation

Randazzo stated AquaCera would not be able to make planned presentation until January meeting. They are interested in offering maintenance and service for resident's existing systems.

B. Weed Harvesting Disposal

Ehman stated the Portage Base/Whitewood Homeowners Association is considering a contract to cut and harvest weeds for Base, Portage, Little Portage and Whitewood Lakes. He stated the Association would like a place to dispose of the harvested weeds and would like to know if Authority would consider allowing them to be put on Authority property. He stated some residents may be interested in picking up the harvested weeds to use as compost.

Semprevivo stated the Authority would need to know how much material they are attempting to dispose of, and how long would it take to compost should no one be interested in picking it up from the site. He suggested listening to a proposal from the Association, to be sure this agreement would in no way harm the Authority.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Drywell Project

Randazzo stated there are no updates.

Ehman asked if the residents are paying the surcharge for non-compliance.

Randazzo stated about 50% of the charges are being added to the Tax Roll.

7. **REPORTS**

A. Engineer's Report

Kangas reported that 2 million gallons of solids have been removed from the Lagoon.

Ehman asked if it was more than expected.

Kangas stated that they had calculated that we would have at least 2 million gallons to remove. He stated there are some check valves that need repairing and he has someone in mind for the job.

B. Treasurer's Report

McCloskey stated there is no report, but would like a motion to close the checking account at First National of Howell.

Motion by Semprevivo, supported by Ehman, to authorize the Treasurer to close the Checking account at First National.

Voice Vote: Ayes-4, Absent-1 (Moody)

MOTION CARRIED

C. Superintendent's Report

Randazzo reviewed his memo dated 11/10/10. Residents have been calling with questions regarding the Notice of Possible Violation and response has been relatively favorable. He stated the Board will need to discuss how to proceed with testing at the January meeting.

D. Approval of September and October 2010 Bills

The bills are to be emailed to Board for their review, as they were unavailable for meeting.

8. **APPROVAL OF THE 9/21/10 & 10/25/10 MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Ehman, supported by McCloskey, to approve the minutes from September 21, 2010 meeting as presented with minor corrections to Page 2, changing word "form" to "from" in the 4th line.

Voice Vote: Ayes-4, Absent-1 (Moody)

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Semprevivo, supported by McCloskey, to approve the minutes from October 25, 2010 meeting as presented.

Voice Vote: Ayes-4, Absent-1 (Moody)

MOTION CARRIED

Randazzo distributed the construction drawings to the Board for the 2009 Capital Improvements Project, and stated he feels \$25,000 for the proposal is a bit steep.

Ehman stated he thought it would come in between \$16,000 and \$17,000 and stated it came in higher than he expected.

Kangas will advise Stantec of the Board's comments with regards to the pricing.

Ehman stated he would like to see how Stantec arrived at that amount.

Kangas will provide a detailed breakdown of the charges and provide them to the Board.
Randazzo will forward the breakdown to the Board by email.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ehman, supported by McCloskey, to adjourn the meeting.

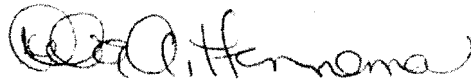
Voice Vote: Ayes-4, Absent-1 (Moody)

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved at 1-17-11 meeting



Debra A. Henneman
Recording Secretary

Next meeting date: January 17, 2011 7:00 p.m.