

March Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The March 2nd meeting of the Gun Lake Area Sewer & Water Authority was called to order at 6:55 PM by Chairman Glenn Leep.

Roll Call: Township officials present: Tom Rook of Orangeville, Glenn Leep of Martin, Roger VanVolkinburg of Wayland, and Alice Jansma of Yankee Springs. GLASWA Director Larry Knowles and Office Manager Tara Palandri were also present.

Review Authority Minutes: Mr. Rook motioned to accept the February meeting minutes with Mr. VanVolkinburg supporting, motion carried 4-0.

Hear Those Present: Infrastructure Alternatives was present and gave an overview of what they would provide if GLASWA chooses to hire them as our lab technicians.

Director's Report:

- Arbitration
 - The Arbitrator has ruled in our favor.
- Terry Lane
 - The sewer main was replaced and Oetman will asphalt and repair yards in the Spring.
- YST Water
 - Documents have been prepared and sent to the DEQ.
 - Online Payments –Yankee Springs can offer the ability to offer online payments (just like the sewer system) if they decide. The cost is about \$600.00 per year plus initial set up costs. Ms. Jansma will bring it up to the Yankee Springs Board.
- Laboratory Technician
 - Mr. Knowles is requesting approval to hire Infrastructure Alternatives as our lab technicians.
 - There was much discussion between the board members over cost vs. benefit.
 - Mr. VanVolkinburg motioned to hire Infrastructure Alternatives on a one year contract not to exceed \$93,000 ensuring they:
 - A. Improve the operations of our wastewater treatment.
 - B. Troubleshoot and provide technical advice as submitted.
 - C. Provide monthly evaluation reports.
 - D. Assist with the capital improvement planning and implementation.
 - Ms. Jansma seconded the motion, it passed 4-0.
- SCADA
 - SCADA software is complete and work on the individual stations should start in March.
- Internet Provider
 - Charter has installed the new cable to the Plant, just need cable inside of the building.
- Engineer
 - Had our project “kick-off” meeting with Jones & Henry.
- Board Compensation
 - Notices will be in the papers by 3/5/17.
- Online Payments
 - We have scheduled the training for the online payments – March 8th.

New Business: Two sewer and two water permits were taken out in February.

Financial Statements: February payroll totaled \$25,930.98. Operations expenses used checks #13878-13918 and along with electronic deposits totaled \$108,960.57. Total expenses for February came to \$134,891.55. A motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. VanVolkinburg and was supported by Mr. Rook, passed 4-0.

Discussion:

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm with motion by Mr. VanVolkinburg, supported by Mr. Rook. The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2017 at 7:00 pm.