

South County Sewer & Water Authority

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Authority Regular Meeting Minutes of Tues. Aug. 27, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Board Chair John Speeter. In attendance were Vice Chair Tracy Locey (Brady Township Supervisor), Tim Frisbie (Village of Vicksburg President) and Mike Rochholz (Village of Schoolcraft President). Also in attendance were SCSWA Executive Director Frank LaPierre and Attorney Rob Thall.

Review and Set Agenda-

Today's meeting agenda was presented for review. Motioned by Locey, seconded by Speeter to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

Review of Minutes- Closed Session

The draft minutes of the July 23, 2024 Closed Session were presented for review. Motioned by Locey, seconded by Speeter to approve the draft minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Review of Minutes- Regular Meeting

The draft minutes of the July 23, 2024 regular meeting were presented for review. Motioned by Locey, seconded by Speeter to approve the draft minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Hear those present – John Gisler reported that on 9/7/24 there will be a dedication ceremony for the new Justice Center. The existing center has been purchased by developers to create a mixed-use facility.

General Correspondence- N/A

Active Project Status-

- Village of Schoolcraft Update- Rochholz and LaPierre updated that Lockport and their engineering team will present the water project feasibility study results at the Village of Schoolcraft's Council meeting on 9/3/24.
- St. Joe and SCSWA Water and WWTF Projects- LaPierre reiterated that the Water project has become the lead project and it is hoped that it might "pull" the WWTF project along.

New Business

- SCSWA Shared Force Main Agreement Negotiations- Thall updated that the status of the existing agreements with the shared force main was in discussions. As negotiations continue, Rob's firm will have to back out of the negotiations and Rob will recommend an alternative firm. There will be an update at the 9/24/24 board meeting.
- SCSWA Ability to Secure Debt to Pay-Off the Projected A/P to Portage- Thall confirmed that SCSWA could secure a Revenue Bond to finance the large, forecasted A/P with Portage. LaPierre updated that he and Speeter will meet with Kendra Gwin on 9/24/24 to provide an update to her and confirm maintenance project dates. LaPierre confirmed that he will present the financing proposals at the 9/24/24 board meeting.

Old Business-

- Maintenance Update- The July GLSWA 2024 O/M reports were included for Board review. Aaron Grogg was thanked by the board for his team's solid response to the heavy rains and flooding. He confirmed that the CIP program, including the rebuilding of the lift stations, was needed and would help to mitigate flooding in future heavy rain events.

Financial Review- The current Certified Delinquent List, General Operating Expenses/Payroll Register/Financial reports- Current Certified Delinquent List, General Operating and Payroll Expenses were presented as of August 16th, 2024. The SCSWA financial reports for July 2024 were presented. Motioned by Locey, seconded by Speeter to approve the delinquent list, the operating and payroll expenses and accept the financials as presented. **Motion carried.**

Closing Comments: N/A

Meeting Adjourned- The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m. Motioned by Locey, seconded by Speeter to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sep. 24th, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. at Pavilion Township.

Submitted for approval on: 9-24, 2024 Approved by: D.K. Ulsh
Don Ulsh / Secretary