

LAKES AREA SEWER AUTHORITY

Minutes—April 28, 2008

The Lakes Area Sewer Authority held its regular meeting on April 28, 2008, at 7:00 pm, at the Porter Township Hall.

Commissioners Present: Bitely, Boshoven, Oxley, Melko, Laski, Elsey.

Commissioners Absent: Grib—arrived late

Public Comment: None

Motion by Boshoven, Support by Oxley to approve the Agenda as presented, all Ayes—motion passed.

Motion by Elsey, Support by Boshoven to approve and place on file the minutes of the Authority Meeting of March 24, 2008, as e-mailed, all Ayes—motion passed.

Alan Smaka reported on the status of the project and distributed a draft of the Bond Contract for future review. The project application was submitted to USDA Rural Development on March 28, 2008. The environmental report still needs to be submitted. The Authority still is considering sites for location of the treatment facility and has not yet settled on one specific site.

Discussion ensued regarding the Village of Marcellus being interested in having the Authority locate its facility on their property near the current treatment lagoons. This came up due to the Village learning that their lagoon system was experiencing capacity problems. The Village and Authority attorneys and three members of the Authority met to discuss and review the issue. There would be additional costs to the Authority to move to that site due to extra forced main and electrical needs. The Authority would acquire Village land and the Village, in turn, would become a paying customer if and when they needed the extra capacity for their lagoons. This would be less costly than building an additional lagoon. Discussion followed regarding increased costs and plant size demands. Melko emphasized that we could not delay the project or incur increased costs to go to the Village site.

Marcellus has formed a committee to further study the issue and develop a proposal to present to the Authority. They will have something to present at our next Authority meeting. If sooner, a special meeting could be called to consider the issue.

Alan Smaka submitted an analysis of the use of alternative energy for the treatment facility for review.

Next Steps for the project are to decide on a specific site and wait for the Letter of Commitment from USDA. Schuitmaker suggested the Authority review the proposed Bond Contract carefully.

The May Authority meeting will be changed to May 19 rather than May 26 due to the Memorial Day Holiday. This change will be posted.

Public Comment: One individual expressed concern that an adequate number of Authority meeting minutes be made available to those in attendance. The same individual requested that she receive the petitions for Fish Lake from attorney Schuitmaker.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.
Next meeting—May 19, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

In the absence of Secretary Grib, the minutes were recorded by Vice-Chair Bitely.

Respectfully Submitted,

John A. Grib
Authority Secretary