

LAKES AREA SEWER AUTHORITY
Minutes—August 25, 2008

The Lakes Area Sewer Authority held its regular meeting on August 25, 2008, at 7:00 pm, at the Porter Township Hall.

Commissioners Present: Bitely, Boshoven, Grib, Oxley, Melko, Laski., Johnson (to replace Elsey)

Commissioners Absent: None

Chairperson Melko welcomed Gwen Johnson to LASA. Johnson has been appointed by Volinia Township as its representative in place of Wendy Elsey.

Public Comment: None

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

Motion by Oxley, Support by Boshoven to approve and place on file the minutes of the Regular Authority Meeting of July 28, 2008 as e-mailed, all Ayes—motion passed.

Alan Smaka reported on the status of the project. Draft bond contracts were distributed to the Commissioners for review. Any comments should be sent to Jim White with cc to Smaka and Schuitmaker as soon as possible for inclusion in the final contract. Each Township in the Authority has approved the preparation of the special assessment roles in their respective districts. The immediate timeline will be as follows: 1) Approval of the Bond Contract, 2) Approval of the special assessment roles, and 3) Resolution to set the special assessment hearing date. Schuitmaker and Smaka will be meeting with the respective assessors to set the assessment roles and get those to the Townships for approval. Discussion ensued regarding the benefit of having assessments and hearings now rather than in the spring. Delaying these would result in added costs to the project.

We will be aiming at holding the special assessment hearings on October 4, 2008. Next steps will be to adopt resolutions for the Bond Contract, Bond Anticipation Notes, and Special Assessment Districts.

Boshoven reported that he and Commissioner Grib attended a Wind Energy Seminar and gained much information on the subject. He asked for the Authority's consent to draft and distribute letters to area legislators and officials to seek assistance in funding alternative energy aspects of the treatment plant. All commissioners agreed with the proposal.

Public Comment: An owner of the trailer park on Gravel Lake inquired as to how the sewer system will affect him.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Next meeting—September 22, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John A. Grib
Authority Secretary