

# Tuscola County Board of Public Works

October 6, 2015

Chairman, Bob Mantey, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

## **Roll Call:**

Members Present: Bob Mantey, Jim Hecht, Elwyn Helwig and Robert McKay

Excused Absences: Roger Allen

Absent: Steve Erickson and Joe Hembling

Also present: Patty Witkovsky, BPW Secretary, and Clayette Zechmeister, Tuscola Co Chief Accountant

## **Agenda:**

Motion by Jim Hecht, supported by Elwyn Helwig, to adopt the BPW agenda as presented. Motion carried.

## **Minutes:**

Motion by Elwyn Helwig, supported by Jim Hecht, to approve minutes from the July 7, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

## **Wisner Township Water Update:**

Chairman Mantey gave brief update on Wisner Township and contractor dispute over unfinished items. Chairman Mantey had spoken with John Billette, Civil Engineering. Any monetary obligation is between Wisner Township and Sterling Excavating, the contractor of the Wisner water project. The BPW has completed their work with the Wisner Township Water Project.

Motion by Elwyn Helwig, supported by Jim Hecht, to close out the project and remove the Wisner Township Water Project from the agenda. Motion carried.

## **Denmark Township:**

Chairman Mantey noted he had been contacted by John J. McQuillan to sign an agreement rescinding a prior agreement of June 1, 2012 between Blumfield Reese Water Authority, Denmark Township, Gilford Township and the Tuscola County Board of Public Works. Chairman Mantey had contacted the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, who then contacted their attorney, John Axe, who recommended that the County Board of Commissioners authorize the Board of Public Works to execute the proposed new Agreement. Chairman Mantey had signed the agreement on September 18, 2015 and was relating the event to the BPW. It was agreed that Agenda Item "Denmark Township" be removed from the agenda.

## **Act 185 of 1957:**

Chairman Mantey mentioned to the Board that each member was given a copy of Public Act 185 of 1957 which serves as the act authorizing the Board of Public Works to meet and assist township and villages to fund water, sewer or refuse systems and use the county's full faith and credit for their projects. The Drain Commissioner could be named as the sole Public Works Director, but the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners had wanted the BPW to stay in place as a multi member Board.

## **Any Other Business:**

Question was asked of Denmark Township water project location. Locations were given by other board members familiar with area.

## **BPW Update:**

Chairman Mantey noted that the Tuscola County Clerk's office was not in agreement with Secretary Witkovsky's board members terms. Patty Witkovsky noted that Lisa Valentine and Jim McMinn had resigned from the BPW when their terms expired on 12/31/2014. Board of Commissioner, Roger Allen, was appointed as a voting member of the BPW Board by the Board of Commissioners on December 17, 2014. Mr. Allen would take over Lisa Valentine's position and his term would be from 1/1/2015 to 12/31/17. Jim Hecht was appointed at the January 29, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting to fill a term that will expire on 12/31/17 (former Jim McMinn's position on the board). Chairman Don Duggar resigned as of February 3, 2015. His term ran from 1/1/2014 to 12/31/16. Board of Commissioners appointed Robert McKay to the BPW for a partial term ending Dec 31, 2017. The only term open was Don Duggar's term that ran to 2016. Mr. McKay's term runs from 1/1/2014 to 12/31/16 – he came on the board per BOC minutes from August 13, 2015. This information will be shared with the Tuscola County Clerk's office.

## **Public Comment:**

Elwyn Helwig noted he had been on BPW for 26 years.

## **Adjournment:**

Motion by Elwyn Helwig, supported by Jim Hecht, to adjourn the BPW Board meeting at 1:54 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted  
Patty Witkovsky  
Board of Public Works Secretary