

# Tuscola County Board of Public Works

November 4, 2014

Vice-Chairman, Joe Hembling, called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

## **Roll Call:**

Members Present: Joe Hembling, Elwyn Helwig, Jim McMinn, Lisa Valentine, and Patty Witkovsky

Excused: Don Duggar, BPW Chairman; Roger Allen, County Commissioner

Absent: Steve Erickson

Also attending: Clayette Zechmeister, Denmark Township Supervisor - Chuck Heinlein, Gary Johnson, Beth Asberger, and two other guests.

## **Agenda:**

Motion by Elwyn Helwig, supported by Jim McMinn, to adopt the BPW agenda as presented with two additions: Clayette Zechmeister, Tuscola Co Chief Accountant to give information on Wisner Township Water project and Denmark Township Supervisor, Chuck Heinlein to address the Denmark Township Water project. Motion carried.

## **Minutes:**

Motion by Lisa Valentine, supported by Elwyn Helwig, to approve minutes from the October 7, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

## **Wisner Township Water Update:**

Clayette Zechmeister noted there were no Wisner Water project bills to be paid and no change order at this time. She gave an update on the Payment #11 on Contract #3 to Sterling Excavation, Inc. Wisner Township decided to retain \$10,000.00 for work not to the expectations of Wisner Township from the amount approved for payment at the October 7, 2014 meeting. Elwyn Helwig, supported by Jim McMinn, made a motion to change the amount approved at the October meeting to reflect the amount paid to Sterling Excavation, Inc. in the amount of \$77,194.20. Motion carried.

## **Denmark Township Water Project :**

Denmark Township Supervisor, Chuck Heinlein, passed out to Board members a copy of a future resolution to be considered by the BPW to request "Rural Development to Transfer Obligation from Denmark Township to Tuscola County" on the Denmark Township Water Extension Project. Mr. Heinlein also noted that Denmark Township had paid legal fees of approx. \$39,000.00 for fees incurred by Tuscola County and had never received a bill of the actual expenses. Mr. Heinlein had made a request for the itemized billing at the Board of Commissioners' meeting in October but has not received the bill as of 11/4/14. Clayette Zechmeister to work on getting itemized bill to Denmark Township. Denmark Township will need full faith and credit of bonding from Tuscola County for future water projects. It was requested that the "Resolution to Transfer Obligation" be put on agenda for next month.

## **Akron-Fairgrove Sewage Disposal District:**

Patty Witkovsky gave update on transfer of property from Tuscola County to the Akron-Fairgrove Sanitary Sewer System for the sanitary sewer system lagoon property in Section 9 of Fairgrove Township. Information has been sent to John McQuillan, Attorney, in Bay City for his services in preparing the warranty deed for property from Tuscola County back to the A-F Sanitary Sewer System Board of Operations.

## **BPW Update:**

Vice-Chairman Joe Hembling made a comment that Lisa Valentine and Jim McMinn's 3-year terms will be expiring at the end of December 2014. They do not plan to re-apply. New members will need to be recruited.

## **Public Comment:**

Gary Johnson, Denmark resident, handed out information to BPW members from Citizens Against Unfair Taxation. Beth Asperger spoke on no more debt for Denmark Township – they need a new fire truck and new township hall.

## **Adjournment:**

Motion by Elwyn Helwig, supported by Jim McMinn, to adjourn at 2:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by  
Patty Witkovsky for

Robert Mantey, Board of Public Works Secretary