

LAKES AREA SEWER AUTHORITY
Minutes—March 23, 2009

The Lakes Area Sewer Authority held its regular meeting on March 23, 2009, at 7:00 pm, at the Porter Township Hall.

Commissioners Present: Grib, Oxley, Melko, Johnson, Laski.
Commissioners Absent: Bitely, Bainbridge.

Public Comment: Fred Gebhard had a variety of questions regarding bids, lots, distances from sewer to wells, additional grant funds.

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

Motion by Oxley, Support by Johnson to approve and place on file the minutes of the Regular Authority Meeting of February 23, 2009 as e-mailed, all Ayes—motion passed.

Alan Smaka led the members through the draft Sewer Ordinance. Several areas for revision or clarification were identified. A revised Sewer Ordinance incorporating all suggested changes will be drafted and made available to the authority members prior to next meeting. Easements are approximately half completed.

Next steps include the finalization of the treatment plant design, development of bidding documents, and the agreement with the Village of Marcellus. The Village's attorney, Callahan, has all the materials and the process is proceeding well.

Smaka presented a list of bills for approval.

Motion by Oxley, Support by Grib to approve the bills as presented. Roll Call vote: Johnson-Y, Grib-Y, Laski-Y, Melko-Y, Oxley-Y, Motion passed.

Attorney Schuitmaker reported that he met with Township assessors and Treasurers on March 11 to finalize procedures for pre-payment of assessments and tracking methods.

Boshoven reported that an additional, follow-up letter will be sent to USDA to request stimulus money for the project.

Melko announced that the "Pre-Construction" meeting with all affected property owners will be May 30, 2009 at 10:00 am at the Marcellus High School. This will give opportunity to discuss contractors, permits, and the construction process as well as answering any questions.

Public Comment: Questions were again raised regarding the Authority exercising due diligence in its bidding process.

Upon Motion by Grib, Support by Laski and unanimous vote, the Authority went into closed session with authority Schuitmaker to discuss potential litigation at 9:05 pm.

Motion by Oxley, Support by Laski and unanimous vote, the Authority came out of closed session at 9:17 pm.

There being no other business before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Next meeting—April 27, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John A. Grib
Authority Secretary