

LAKES AREA SEWER AUTHORITY
Minutes—July 28, 2008

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

Commissioners Present: Bitely, Boshoven, Grib, Oxley, Melko, Laski., Elsey (late).
Commissioners Absent: None

Public Comment: Question was raised as to why the sewer line for north Finch Lake could not be run on the lakeside rather than road. This will be considered by the engineer.

Motion by Bitely, Support by Boshoven to approve the Agenda as revised, all Ayes—motion passed. Melko had requested that items 6 and 7 be interchanged in order.

Motion by Bitely, Support by Boshoven to approve and place on file the minutes of the Regular Authority Meeting of June 23, 2008 as e-mailed, all Ayes—motion passed.

Melko led discussion regarding appointing any new Authority members should vacancies occur. Elsey indicated that she will be resigning from the Authority in the near future for personal reasons and will not be seeking re-election to the Volinia Twp Board. That Board will appoint a replacement to serve on the Authority. The re-appointment of Authority officers was discussed.

Motion by Oxley, Support by Boshoven to re-appoint the current officers for an additional term. Role Call vote: Melko-Y, Laski-Y, Grib-Y, Elsey-Y, Boshoven-Y, Bitely-Y, Oxley-Y; Motion passed.

Alan Smaka reported on the status of the project. The Cass County Board of Public Works approved the addition of the Village of Marcellus to the bond contract. The Letter of Conditions is anticipated to be delivered by next Wednesday. The Authority will need to approve Bond Anticipation Notes within the next several months in order to cover a variety of up-front costs incurred prior to the USDA closing on the loan. The Authority will approve all bills and send them to the County for processing. The Bond Anticipation Notes will be fully paid once the USDA loan is closed and funding released.

Jim White will be drafting a Bond Contract which needs to be approved before Special Assessment Districts are established and hearings set. Discussion ensued over the timing of the SADs and placing the assessments on the tax roles. If we cannot get them on this winter's role, the project will incur additional costs due to having to capitalize the interest on the USDA loan once closed. It was agreed to make every effort to expedite the project in order to make this winter's tax roles.

A revised time-table will be presented at the next meeting. We will be aiming at have SAD hearings in October. Assessment amounts will be established by Wightman in conjunction with the various Township Assessors.

Melko shared information from the Environmental Report. We will try to have Christie Cook of the Michigan Rural Community Assistance Program present at Assessment hearings.

Public Comment: None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Next meeting—August 25, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John A. Grib
Authority Secretary