

LAKES AREA SEWER AUTHORITY
Minutes—August 24, 2009

The Lakes Area Sewer Authority held its regular meeting on August 24, 2009, at 7:00 pm, at the Porter Township Hall.

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

Public Comment: None

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

Motion by Oxley, Support by Bitely to approve and place on file the minutes of the Regular Authority Meeting of July 27, 2009 as e-mailed, all Ayes—motion passed.

Smaka reported on the status of the project. The bids have been awarded and additional grant money of \$433,000 was approved by the USDA-RD to cover additional costs. The formal loan closing will take place at a special meeting of the Cass County Board of Public Works on August 25, 2009. A pre-construction meeting for all contractors will be held on September 2, 2009 at 1:00 pm at the Cass County Building.

Oxley and Laski reported information regarding future customer billing options. They have been researching various software products to include Pontem for billing. Bids are also being sought from the Village of Lawton for billing services. Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of LASA doing its own billing versus contracting it out. More information will be forthcoming

Smaka presented a list of bills for approval.

Motion by Bitely, Support by Oxley to approve the bills as presented, all Ayes--motion passed.

Boshoven reported that he will be corresponding with state and federal departments regarding the fact that Michigan has not spent out much of its stimulus money to date.

A resolution to confirm the setting of sewer rates and charges for the sewer system was presented to the authority for adoption.

Motion by Oxley, Support by Bitely to adopt the Resolution to Confirm Setting of Sewer Rates and Charges for the Lakes Area Sewer System as presented. Roll Call vote: Oxley-Y, Melko-Y, Laski-Y, Grib-Y, Bitely-Y, Bainbridge-Y. Motion passed.

Melko reported that he would like to have a future meeting with all Township inspectors, engineering, and excavators; the purpose of which would be to ensure that all were in agreement regarding ordinances, requirements, permit fees, inspections, etc.

A groundbreaking ceremony will be planned for Sept. 19, 2009 at 11:00 am at the Porter Township Hall.

Public Comment: None

There being no other business before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Next meeting—September 28, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John A. Grib
Authority Secretary