

LAKES AREA SEWER AUTHORITY

Minutes—December 1, 2008

The Lakes Area Sewer Authority held its regular meeting on December 1, 2008, at 7:00 pm, at the Porter Township Hall.

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

Commissioners Absent: None.

Melko welcomed Bainbridge as the new representative, replacing Boshoven, from Marcellus Township on LASA.

Public Comment: Fred Gebhard and numerous other residents spoke out against the sewer project. There were several others that voiced their support of the project.

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

Motion by Bitely, Support by Johnson to approve and place on file the minutes of the Regular Authority Meeting of October 27, 2008 as e-mailed, all Ayes—motion passed.

Alan Smaka and Harold Schuitmaker reported on the status of the project. The engineering design phase is now underway. Due, in part, to the current economic conditions, there are numerous contractors interested in working on this project. It is anticipated that we will be able to obtain very competitive bids for construction. The application and other materials for the Bond Anticipation Notes is almost complete. We anticipate the notes being obtained sometime in January or February.

Melko recessed the LASA meeting at 7:27 pm in order for the Townships to convene the Public Hearing on Special Assessment District #2, that containing those properties added to the district since the previous public hearing. Melko reviewed the rules and moderated the hearing. There being no comments or protests, the hearing was closed at 7:35 pm.

Each respective Township held individual meetings to confirm the Special Assessment District #2.

Melko re-convened the LASA meeting at 8:00 pm.

Motion by Melko, Support by Bitely to appoint Paul Boshoven as a special consultant to LASA for researching alternative energy options and funding for the treatment facility. All Ayes—motion passed. Boshoven will receive no compensation from LASA for his services.

Schuitmaker will be preparing a draft sewer ordinance for review at the January meeting. This must be finalized by end of March in order to have a review by Rural Development. Bids are anticipated to be received by May.

Discussion regarding meeting schedule for 2009 will occur at the January meeting.

Shalice Northrup shared information on additional financial assistance options available to those in need.

Public Comment: Fred Gebhard repeated his opposition to the sewer project.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Next meeting—January 26, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John A. Grib
Authority Secretary