

GERRISH LYON UTILITY AUTHORITY BOARD
APPROVED -- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 11, 2024

Held at Gerrish Township Hall
2997 E. Higgins Lake Drive
Roscommon, MI 48653

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Present: Jim Barnwell, Jerry McKenna, Phil Czech, Bill Lamb and Tom Metcalf. Eric Carlson and Dave Hall absent.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA: Phil Czech asked for amendment to recognize Eric Carlson for his time and service to GLUA. Jim Barnwell said we can add that to New Business. Motion to approve amended Agenda by Bill Lamb, supported by Phil Czech.

Ayes: McKenna, Barnwell, Czech, Lamb, & Metcalf.

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED that the amended agenda be approved.

APPROVAL OF September 9, 2024, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Motion by Phil Czech, supported by Tom Metcalf.

Ayes: McKenna, Barnwell, Czech, Lamb, & Metcalf.

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED that September 9, 2024, Regular Minutes be approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF October 8, 2024, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: Motion to approve by Jerry McKenna, supported by Tom Metcalf.

Ayes: McKenna, Barnwell, Czech, Lamb, & Metcalf.

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED that October 8, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF September 26, 2024, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: Motion to approve by Phil Czech, supported by Tom Metcalf.

Ayes: McKenna, Barnwell, Czech, Lamb, & Metcalf.

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED that September 26, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

Financial Report – Phil Czech

We received a \$40,575 reimbursement for the MDARD grant, leaving a cash balance of \$59,360.00. We will have an upcoming expense of approximately \$2400 for insurance towards the upcoming year.

Old Business:

1. Update status of Project implementation – Jim Barnwell
 - A. Hydrological Investigation – tied to the MDARD grant, F&V hope to submit draft application permit by early January.
 - B. Grants/Funding – Jim Barnwell
 - \$100,000 MDARD Grant received to be applied towards Discharge Permit app
 - \$40,000 EGLE Grant received to be used for administration

- \$1,000,000 EPA Community Grant used for mapping to evaluate preliminary engineering plan and project management. This allows us to acquire a lot more detailed information in future decision making.
2. Request for Qualification for Project Management & Engineering Services.
Bill Lamb is heading up. EPA approved our list of qualifications and several firms were contacted. Received three packets back and waiting on a couple more.
 3. Reimbursement request Gerrish-Lyon Townships. Lyon has been made whole. Gerrish still owed \$6245.95. Jim Barnwell asked for Motion to pay. Motion to pay Gerrish Township \$6245.95 made by Jerry McKenna, supported by Tom Metcalf. Ayes Barnwell, Czech, Lamb. Metcalf, & McKenna. Nays none. Motion approved.co
 4. Accounting & Auditing – Phil Czech contacted Jim Anderson, a CPA who has conducted Gerrish audits in the past, and Jim Kaufman. Phil provided our brief financial statements containing the few financial transactions we have had to date. Phil was advised once we use any of the \$1,000,000 federal grant, an outside audit will be required.
 5. Zoom meeting voting – question was raised at last meeting if zoom meeting voting was permitted. Jim Barnwell stated the by laws do allow it.

New Business:

1. Request for Qualifications for Project Management & Engineering Services – touched on this earlier, Bill Lamb is heading up.
2. Recognition of Eric Carlson for his years of service to GLUA and the sewer project. Phil Czech spoke to Eric's ability to communicate clearly his dedication and commitment to the sewer project. Motion made by Phil Czech, supported by Bill Lamb, to recognize Eric Carlson for his service and contributions to GLUA and the sewer project. Ayes McKenna, Barnwell, Metcalf, Lamb, & Czech. Nays none. Motion approved to recognize Eric Carlson.

Public Comments

George S. asked questions about the raw data regarding the Lyon Township Septic Ordinance and plans for compliance.

Charlene C. mentioned comments she heard regarding the septic inspections.

Patti D. thanked the board for their work and hopes we continue moving forward. Asked board to educate new board members.

Board Comments

- Bill Lamb wished we would see more township board members at these meetings. It would be good to see some support from those people who put us here to do a job.
- Phil Czech took pictures today of a dry well and will bring them to the next meeting. Also spoke with Scotts regarding pumping out Treasure Island. They said they could do it, just need to do multiple homes at a time to be cost effective. Phil also spoke with EGLE and EPA regarding any special permits needed and both said none required.
- Jim Barnwell clarified the above in that they would need a waste hauler permit. Jim asked for a motion to adjourn. Bill Lamb made motion to adjourn, supported by Jerry McKenna. Ayes Metcalf, Czech, Barnwell, Lamb & McKenna. Nays none. Motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm approved.