

Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities
Regular Meeting

August 8, 2017

The regular Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities meeting was called to order at the BPU office, 45 Monroe Street, Hillsdale, MI at 7:05 PM by Barry Hill, President of the Board.

Board Members Present: Mr. Barry Hill, President
Mr. Bob Batt, Vice-President
Mr. Chris Sumnar
Mr. Eric Hoffman
Mrs. Lois Howard

Others present: Mike, Barber, Director, Chris McArthur, Assistant Director, Bill Briggs, Water Distribution Superintendent/WWTP Supervisor; Chad Culbert, Electric Distribution Superintendent; Don Reid, Hillsdale Daily News; Kay Freese, Interim Secretary; Glenn White, General Manager and Paul Beckhusen, Incoming Manager of MSCPA

MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Sumnar and supported by Mr. Batt to approve the Board Meeting minutes of July 11, 2017. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion made by Mr. Batt and supported by Mr. Sumnar to approve the July 12, 2017 special meeting minutes. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

BILLS PAYABLE

Questions were raised regarding bill on Diane Adams regarding credit refund; UIS Utilities Instrumentation Service trouble shooting problem on Union Street; and Cintas Corporation which provides rugs and mats and services several areas. Finance Director, Bonnie Tew provided detail information. Motion made by Mr. Hoffman and supported by Mr. Batt to approve the July 2017 bills in the amount of \$331,091.42. Unanimous voice vote approval.

MCSPA bill for June 2017 in the amount of \$847,665.38 also received unanimous approval for payment by a motion from Mr. Sumnar and supported by Mrs. Howard.

Mrs. Howard questioned the gain on the sale of property in the June financial report. Finance Director Tew explained the gain was on the purchase of an electric substation from MSCPA for \$100 at fair market value.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Barber gave an update on the South Street water tower project that is scheduled to begin on August 21st with a tentative completion date in the middle of November.

He also discussed the digester at the WWTP that continues to be a problem. When attempting to pump the sludge out of the digester, it had not been cleaned properly and would not pump. Fleis and Vanderbrink, our engineering firm indicate it is necessary to drop a camera inside to determine the next course of action to keep the project moving forward. HM Environmental Services will do the work for \$2650 and will be paid separately through BPU accounts payable.

After discussion, Mr. Sumnar made a motion, supported by Mr. Batt to approve. Unanimous voice vote for approval.

ACTION ITEMS

MSCPA Integrated Resource Plan presented by Incoming General Manager, Paul Beckhusen and Glenn White, General Manager. Mr. Beckhusen provided an extensive review of the Resource Plan and the results of the Power Supply Study. General discussion followed the presentation.

DEPARTMENT PROGRESS REPORTS

Mr. McArthur updated on the Engine Projects; Mr. Culbert reviewed the distribution progress; and Mr. Briggs provided information on the WWTP and the Water department.

DEPARTMENT & INCIDENT REPORTS

Mr. Culbert reported total of 8 outages over the past month and general information on the Wolcott Substation.

Mr. Briggs shared information on incident and repair to Hillsdale Street and removed a manhole on Rippon Avenue.

BOARD MEMBER ROUNDTABLE

No discussion

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sumnar made a motion to adjourn the meeting, supported by Mrs. Howard. Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

Kay Freese