

# **PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

September 24, 2018

7:30 PM

304 E. Grand River, Board Chambers, Howell MI 48843

Members Present:

Kate Lawrence , Douglas G. Helzerman, Carol S. Griffith

Members Absent:

David J. Domas

### **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Kate Lawrence at 7:30 pm.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Meeting Dated: August 27, 2018

Motion to approve the minutes as presented.

**Moved By** Douglas G. Helzerman

**Seconded By** Carol S. Griffith

Yes (3): Kate Lawrence , Douglas G. Helzerman, and Carol S. Griffith

Absent (1): David J. Domas

**Motion Carried (3-0-1)**

### **3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented.

**Moved By** Carol S. Griffith

**Seconded By** Douglas G. Helzerman

Yes (3): Kate Lawrence , Douglas G. Helzerman, and Carol S. Griffith

Absent (1): David J. Domas

**Motion Carried (3-0-1)**

**4. REPORTS**

None.

**5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

BOB POTOCKI - Mr. Potocki spoke about and provided a handout to the Committee, dated 9/24/18, regarding Brighton Township Sewer Drain District (Exhibit A).

**6. RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**6.1 Sheriff**

Resolution Authorizing the State of Michigan, Office of Highway Safety Planning's Traffic Enforcement Grant for Fiscal Year 2019

Recommend Motion to the Finance Committee.

**Moved By** Carol S. Griffith

**Seconded By** Douglas G. Helzerman

Yes (3): Kate Lawrence , Douglas G. Helzerman, and Carol S. Griffith

Absent (1): David J. Domas

**Motion Carried (3-0-1)**

**6.2 Drain Commissioner**

Resolution Authorizing the Livingston County Drain Commissioner to Amend a Contract with Hubbell, Roth, and Clark, Inc. for the Purpose of Completing SAW Grant Requirements

Recommend Motion to the Finance Committee.

**Moved By** Douglas G. Helzerman

**Seconded By** Carol S. Griffith

Yes (3): Kate Lawrence , Douglas G. Helzerman, and Carol S. Griffith

Absent (1): David J. Domas

**Motion Carried (3-0-1)**

**6.3 Administration**

Resolution to Disapprove the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Grant Disbursement Contract

Board Chairman, Don Parker, spoke regarding MAC's standing on this and their investigating of the legality of the issue.

Recommend Motion to the Finance Committee.

**Moved By** Carol S. Griffith

**Seconded By** Douglas G. Helzerman

Yes (3): Kate Lawrence , Douglas G. Helzerman, and Carol S. Griffith

Absent (1): David J. Domas

**Motion Carried (3-0-1)**

**7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

BOB POTOCKI – stated that they had a \$214,000 SAW Grant and he would rather it be spent on hiring people who know how to properly operate a sewer.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

**Moved By** Carol S. Griffith

**Seconded By** Douglas G. Helzerman

Yes (3): Kate Lawrence , Douglas G. Helzerman, and Carol S. Griffith

Absent (1): David J. Domas

**Motion Carried (3-0-1)**

Respectfully submitted by:

Carol Sue Jonckheere,  
Recording Secretary

# County Public Safety and Infrastructure and Development Committee Sept 24 2018

Monday, September 24, 2018 6:17 PM

We all share a goal of going forward with managing the Brighton Township Sewer Drain District with reasonable care and due diligence.

1. November 27, 2017 Drain District Officials (Green, Jonckee, Lawrence) approved expansion and future expansions up to 100 REU without review.
2. Trustee Theis, last week in a WHMI interview stated: "...Michigan law is clear when it comes to who the SAD is charged to, stating that it would be inappropriate for the township to absorb the costs as SADs are charged to property owners who derive a special benefit specifically from the project in question."
3. At its September 17 meeting, the township board discussed the "need to expand" the sewer further.
4. History clearly shows unacceptably poor management. We have been thru too many painful recitals. The difference is that my neighbors and I are out \$30,000 or more. It is painfully clear that we are headed toward more pain.
5. Participants ordered into the SAD (by county order) require a current assessment role including delinquencies and price discounting as required by PA188of1954 Section 9.
6. That any modifications "...shall be conducted in the same manner as provided in the original assessment, ..." MCL 41.733.
7. That notice for any changes to the SAD follows the notice required in MCL 211.741.

Finally, the county should review the performance of Brighton Township in its obligations under the agreement with the drain district. The citizens in the SAD need better management. The county is responsible for the failures of its sub-contractor.

The members of the SAD should be fully informed, and allowed to vote on any change to the SAD. It might not hurt to allow actual users to participate in fixing the problem rather than being used as cash cows.

Bob Potocki  
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