

Higgins Lake Utility Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Hartman at 10:00 a.m.

Roll call: Present: English, Cook, Wood, Hartman, and Riley.

Public Comments: None

Motion by Wood, second by Riley, **CARRIED** to approve the agenda. Yeas: All Nays: None

Motion by Riley, second by Hartman, **CARRIED** to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2017 regular meeting. Yeas: All Nays: None.

WADE-TRIM REPORT: Mike reported that there were 5 service calls and no Miss Digs for the month. Mike stated that the monitor well samples were tested and results came back oks. Effluent pump repairs were completed.

Motion by Wood, second by Hartman, **CARRIED** to approve the treasure's reports for March 2017 Yeas All Nays: None

Motion by Hartman, second by English, **CARRIED** to approve the accounts payable. Yeas: All Nays: None

Report from Staff: Next month's meeting changed from May 2nd @ 10am to May 9th @ 2pm

At this point in the meeting, Larry Fox from C2AE ask for a few minutes of the board's time to address the HLUA regarding a personal smear campaign and attack as printed in the Houghton Lake Resorter editorial page by Eric Ostergren. Larry stated that he has been a very proud member of the Higgins Lake Foundation since early 2004 or 2005. As a member of the Foundation, Larry was part of many grants and programs that benefited Higgins Lake. As a partner of the engineering firm C2AE working on our sewer project, Larry has always showed complete professionalism and was instrumental in the townships receiving several grants for our project not only from the Foundation but also the State of Michigan. During the North State Park proposal, Larry has always been open with the board regarding his relationship with the State as their engineer in putting together the State proposed basis for connection agreement and never made any offers on the State or Authority's behalf. Larry then requested a letter of support from the board. Motion by Wood, second by English, **CARRIED** to approve a letter of support from the HLUA board. Yeas: English, Wood, Harman, and Riley. Nays: Cook.

OLD BUSINESS: After many lengthy discussions between the Authority, the two townships, and the attorneys on how to proceed with the NHLSP project, motion by Hartman, second by Cook, **CARRIED** to approve up to \$2,000 for Wade Trim to provide the Authority with an independent cost estimate for the NHLSP to hook up to the existing waste water treatment facility and to include an estimate of OM&R fees. Roll Call vote: English, yes; Cook, yes; Wood, yes; Hartman, yes; and Riley, yes.

Meeting adjourned 11:21a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Paul Tatro
Business Manager

Ron Wood
Secretary