

Unapproved

SPECIAL APRIL 21, 2021 MEETING OF THE GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:30 A.M.

THE MEETING WAS ALSO CONDUCTED ELECTRONICALLY FOR THE PUBLIC TO VIEW.

THE SUPERVISOR LED THE BOARD IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, ROLL CALL.

JAMES CHAPMAN	SUPERVISOR
JANET CLARK	CLERK
DENISE MACFARLANE	TREASURER
ROGER CARROLL	TRUSTEE
DALE JERNSTADT	TRUSTEE
JAMES T. PEEK	TRUSTEE
GARY TODD	TRUSTEE

Due to the fact this is a special meeting to discuss the Sewer Lift Station, the reading of the minutes for 4/13/2021 meeting, treasurer's, sewer and assessor reports were omitted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

FLEIS AND VANDENBRINK

SANITARY SEWER LIFT STATION EVALUATION

Present were Scott Hall, Project Engineer, Steven Bishop, Project Engineer, Fleis and Vandenbrink, and Troy McDonald, Green Charter Township Sewer Superintendent.

The discussion started with the 3/3/21 Draft Document prepared by Fleis & Vandenbrink. The lift station comprised of a concrete wet well and steel can dry well located at 205th Avenue and Ross Parkway was constructed in 1978 and tools and pumps upgraded in 2002. The lift station has been well maintained however, many components are original to the 1978 construction and are at or beyond their expected useful life. The pump station is in poor structural, poor mechanical and fair electrical condition.

Concerns include corrosion forming, rusting valves and safety – control panel is below grade. Troy stated current pump and lift station is currently in same condition as when he took over two (2) years ago. It hasn't changed much. It cannot be bypassed – no other station. Concerns are common all over. Systems are aging out. Also, access area is very small so emergency entry is very limited.

New system would be a submersible style system with everything else above ground.

FINANCING OPTIONS

New system will cost up to approximately \$600,000. With all options, need to consult with a Municipal Finance Advisor.

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1. Sell municipal bonds – fastest, easiest, most expensive 4%, 20 years, high payment. Start and sell bonds 2021, build 2022.
2. Rural Development USDA (RD) – file for loan, some grant funds available. Will make offer for loan or grant. Must apply – lengthy process six (6) months +, \$20,000 to apply but lower interest rate. Can also apply any time. Interest rate locks when offer is made. If rate goes up, loan rate stays the same but if rate goes down, loan rate can go down.
3. Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) – file for loan, no grants but have a loan forgiveness program. \$20,000 to process application. Can only apply one time per year. File January 1st, send in application in June, receive funding 3rd quarter 2022, construction in 2023. Loan rate stays the same throughout the loan period.

Discussion followed.

Getting a Municipal Finance Advisor is the first step and taking their recommendation on how to finance it. Then we need to decide if we can get two and a half more years out of our current station which would allow for the lowest financing rate. Then we can get back with Fleis and Vandenbrink and get started with the project.

General discussion followed.

At the present time, the air relief values need to be found. There is a system in place to allow Troy to hire additional help.

Motion was made by J. Peek and supported by R. Carroll for Troy to appoint an assistant to be with him at all times when he goes down in the station and to hire additional help for Air Relief Valve discovery.

MOTION CARRIED 7 yes

Supervisor will get list of Municipal Finance Advisors and take to board next month.

SANITARY SEWER FEASIBILITY STUDY

Discussion was had concerning the proposal to prepare a feasibility study to extend sanitary sewer service to 19 Mile Road and the US-131 interchange at 19 Mile Road. Also, in the future to east 19 Mile Road. Not currently, but in the future, 10 – 15 years, this will have to happen.

Three routes – 220th, Northland Dr, or 205th. Two of the routes would end up in the current lift station. Some of the issues are the 131 expressway and Dalziel Creek.

When the original lift station and sewer was put in there were problems with well contamination in Green Haven subdivision. Wells were only 30-32 feet deep and septic systems were contaminating them. County has changed requirement to wells being at least 50 feet deep so water is safer.

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This is ONLY a study to determine best way to put in sewer – projection on usage and growth. Is current lift station going to be useful in ten years or more; is there room for growth – could the pump be replaced with a larger one. Residents need to be informed but the study needs to be done so there are answers when the information is distributed.

Motion was made by J. Peek and supported to D. Jernstadt to proceed with the sanitary sewer feasibility study with no obligation for the residents to hook up.

MOTION CARRIED 7 yes

OFFICE WINDOWS REPLACEMENT BID APPROVAL

The bid from Reed City Glass did not include insulated frames. If not insulated, windows could sweat.

Supervisor is to contact Top Notch Construction, LLC for Workers Compensation insurance. He is self-employed with no employees.

MOTION was made by D. MacFarlane and supported by G. Todd to accept the bid from Top Notch Construction, LLC for \$10,850.00 for office windows.

MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES Jernstadt, Peek, Clark, Chapman, MacFarlane, Todd, Carroll

PORTABLE RESTROOM – STONE HATCHERY PARK

Schultz Septic Pumping and Excavating Services, Newaygo, MI. informed the Supervisor that they would not be able to provide Portable toilets for the Stone Hatchery Park in 2021.

Supervisor inquired around and 123 Portable Toilet Rental can provide service.

MOTION was made by D. MacFarlane and supported by R. Carroll to approve 123 Portable Toilet Rental for service at the Stone Hatchery Park.

MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES Jernstadt, Peek, Clark, Chapman, MacFarlane, Todd, Carroll

FYI INFORMATION FROM THE SUPERVISOR

County will pulverize and pave Ash Drive for the original price of overlaying.

Janet Clark, Township Clerk 4/21/2021 11:50 am meeting adjourned

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