

EAST BAY CHARTER TOWNSHIP
East Bay Charter Township Hall
1965 N. Three Mile Road
Traverse City, MI 49696

Special Board Meeting Held Jointly with Acme Township
Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Call Meeting to Order: Supervisors Friend and White called the meeting to order at 5:30pm at the East Bay Charter Township Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance: was recited by all in attendance.

Roll Call: **East Bay Township Board Members Present:** Beth Friend, Tracey Bartlett, Glen Lile, Matt Courtade, Mindy Walters and Susanne Courtade
East Bay Township Board Members Absent and Excused: Matt Cook

Acme Township Board Members Present: Doug White, Amy Jenema, Dale Stevens, Dave Hoxsie, Jean Aukerman and Paul Scott
Acme Township Board Members Absent and Excused: Lisa Swanson

Review for Conflict of Interest: (5:31)

None

Approval of the Agenda: (5:32)

East Bay Township Board Members S.Courtade and M. Courtade moved and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried upon a unanimous voice vote.

Acme Township Board Members Aukerman and Jenema moved and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried upon a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment (5:33)

None

Business Before the Board of Trustees

1. Public Hearing: Potential Sewer Project and CWSRF Application (5:33)

East Bay Township Supervisor Friend thanked Wade Trim Engineers Joe Slonecki and Brian Sousa; Gosling Czubak Engineers Mark Hurley and Tim Corson; Department of Public Works Director, John Divozzo; and Art Krueger Director of Municipal Utilities for the city of Traverse City for being present this evening and for collaborating with the two townships on the SRF grant.

Engineer Brian Sousa gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed sewer force main project. He gave a history of the infrastructure and stated that it served approximately 5,800 customers in East Bay and Acme Townships. The force main is located mostly in the City of Traverse City but carries one million gallons of wastewater each day from both townships to the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant located in Traverse City. Sousa added that the force main is not easily accessed for investigation into its condition. When there was a break in the force main in 2021, the condition of the portion replaced was indicative of the possible condition of the rest of the main and options for a total repair/replacement were sought. He added that there is some TCE and PFAS contamination along the proposed route which will need to be mitigated, and once funding is in place for the project, engineers can begin to design the new force main.

Engineer Joe Slonecki reviewed the three options that the townships could take. The first option was to do nothing. The second option proposed two routes that a new force main could take. The main could follow the current route and be located adjacent to the current force main for a cost of approximately \$10,770,000; or a new route to the wastewater treatment plant along Hannah Street could be established at a cost of approximately \$11 million. Thirdly, a new wastewater treatment plant and new force main could be established at a cost of \$22.5 million.

Sousa explained the three funding options for the proposed project. The options were a Department of Agriculture Rural Development grant, the State of Michigan SRF Program, which is being applied for, and State and Federal appropriations. At this time, the project was funded by the Grand Traverse County ARPA funds for \$2 million. The townships would put in \$2 million together, with the commitment for each township determined by the existing Sewer Usage Agreement, leaving a funding gap of approximately \$7 million which is what is being asked for through the SRF Grant.

DPW Director John Divozzo commented on the planning and coordinating with several entities that need to be done in order for a project of this scale to take place.

Art Krueger Director of Municipal Utilities for the city of Traverse City stated that there would be enough capacity at the Wastewater Treatment plant and that his experience with the SRF grant was a positive one.

Sousa stated that plastic piping would be used for the project, and he was pricing the project out for an 18-inch pipe to replace the 14 inch existing pipe which carries the flow at the present time.

Tim Corson is with Gosling Czubak commented on the collaboration between the entities.

Board members asked questions regarding size of pipe, and the fate of the existing force main. Sousa stated that the existing force main could become a “cure in place” force main which would involve injecting a substance into the old pipe which will harden and create a new lining inside the old pipe.

Commissioner Daryl Nelson commented on the proposed project and stated that the county was proud to offer \$2 million in ARPA funds towards the project.

Supervisors White and Friend opened the Public Hearing at 6:33pm. *Brian Kelly* of Acme Township commented on the proposed force main and its warranty. He asked about the cause of the failure in 2021.

Sally Weaver of Acme Township inquired about any new technology to check on the condition of the force main and asked about any off gassing of the new plastic pipe used in the project.

Craig Rundle of East Bay Township commented on the existing line alongside the new line.

Supervisors White and Friend closed the Public Hearing at 6:41pm.

Sousa stated that he would like more access sites in order to better check the condition of any new force main. He addressed the materials proposed to be used and could not comment on where they might be made or how they would affect the environment. Sousa stated that a typical warranty is one year in length. Language will be added to the grant proposal which addresses the PFAS and TCE contamination and a contingency is already built into the cost estimate.

Bartlett moved and Walters seconded to adopt East Bay Township Resolution 2023-18, A Resolution Adopting a Final Project Planning Document for Wastewater System Improvements and Designating an Authorized Project Representative, noting that language will be changed in the resolution denoting that this was a Special Meeting instead of a Regular Meeting. The motion carried upon a unanimous roll call vote.

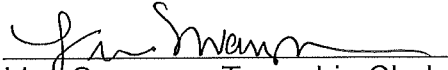
Jenema moved and Scott to adopt Acme Township Resolution 2023-10, A Resolution Adopting a Final Project Planning Document for Wastewater System Improvements and Designating an Authorized Project Representative noting that language will be changed in the resolution denoting that this was a Special Meeting instead of a Regular Meeting. The motion carried upon a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment (7:06)

None

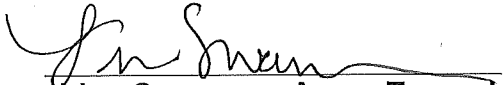
Adjournment:

Friend adjourned the meeting at 7:06pm.


Lisa Swanson, Township Clerk
Acme Township

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a document from the official records of the township.


Lisa Swanson, Acme Township Clerk