

BIG WHITEFISH LAKE / LITTLE WHITEFISH LAKE

SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING

April 21, 2005

A meeting of the Big Whitefish Lake & Little Whitefish Lake Sewer Advisory Committee was held at the Montcalm County Drain Commission, 211 W. Main Street, Stanton, Michigan on the 21st day of April 2005 at 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Donald E. Cooper, Drain Commissioner.

PRESENT: Donald E. Cooper
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner

John Lehmoine
Pierson Township Representative

Sid Lynema
Bwfl Representative

Bob Cichewicz
Bwfl Representative

Bill Davis
Lwfl Representative

Theresa Martin
Lwfl Representative

ALSO
PRESENT: Chuck Scheuermann
Lwfl Representative - Alternate

Al Evink, Operator
Main-Tech Services

Carl Paepke
District #5 County Commissioner

Jerry & Wanda Graves, Lwfl resident
Mark Ignasiak, Lwfl resident

A motion was made by Lehmoine and seconded by Lynema to approve the agenda.
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cichewicz and seconded by Davis to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2004 meeting with the following correction: Page 3, size of cover is 12” & 24”. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Jerry Graves – Proposed we get rid of monthly service charge. Cooper explained importance of fees.

Mark Ignasiak – Debt recovery?

Cooper explained 2 components; first is fixed amount and second debt due to legal fees, over cost, and hopefully to be eliminated eventually but no time line.

Also explained workings of sewer system to new people. Bwfl system – put in 1985 approx. and Lwfl system - put in 1999.

Lehmoine – Where O&M is spent? He wants all residence to receive copy of budget.

Martin – Proposed to send out “do’s & don’ts” rules, regulations & cost of sewer system. We need to find a way to inform new owners, not everyone attends association meetings.

Discussion followed, will try to send out info with billing system.

Mark Ignasiak – Explained his use of water softener. Al explained how softeners go a high chloride level.

A motion was made by Martin and seconded by Davis to not waive previous ordinance of water softeners as stated in 1997 letter from Drain Commission. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Lynema and seconded by Lehmoine to discount pumping cost bill was \$225.00 reduced to \$195.00. New invoice will be sent. Motion carried.

Old Business

Tony Leep, 2710 Coveseide, letter sent of pole barn easement. Will add to agreement that any transfer or selling of property building must be torn down. Tony has 30 days to sign letter.

Malmo, Dagget Rd property 59-015-360-031-24 – Sewer not in district, Cichewicz has not had an opportunity to talk with Malmo. Davis will personally talk to him before next meeting.

New Business

Don Cooper read a thank you letter from Nancy Maioho.

Cichewicz restated warning of setting precedence as in today’s vote.

Carl Paepke will check on sewer/drain field of Hojnacki's new trailer. Reported permit was pulled in December for drain field, not in sewer district.

Lehmoine will put up a bulletin board at the township office for Lwfl & Bwfl info. Lynema mentioned water in junction box. Al explained small amounts of condensation from conduits, etc., not really a problem or concern.

Lynema also mentioned we need to review Camp Thunderhawk & golf course for leaks & usage. Trailer park's access water leaks, will watch.

Al stated 3 tanks with leakage on Bwfl need to be replaced.

DEQ should be a line item on budget, \$1,500.00 a year.

Sand filter should be okay for approximately 2 more years. Internal cameras are accessible to us from Duck Lake.

Lynema mentioned we need to be paid for meeting plus mileage. Restated \$25.00 per diem plus mileage at .35/mile for committee members (Bob, Sid, Bill & Theresa) per October 5, 2004 minutes. 25.1 miles from Pierson Township hall to Stanton and 51 miles from GR to Stanton. Sid, Bob & Bill drove from Pierson – 50.2 miles round trip and Theresa drove from GR 102 miles round trip. Will car pool as much as possible.

Lynema said there is going to be a bug released in the creek to eliminate the purple loose strife. Also mentioned Lwfl will have to share in the cost.

A motion was made by Lynema and seconded by Davis to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m. Motion carried.

Next scheduled meeting will be August 18, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in the Drain Commission Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa Martin, Secretary