

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 16, 8:30 a.m. WESTERN
WASHTENAW COUNTY SERVICE CENTER
705 N. Zeeb Rd, 2nd Floor Room 2010

Members Present: Kathleen Root, Lauren Smith, Bryan Weinert , Andrew Schmidt

Members Absent: Gary McCririe, Gretchen Driskell

Liaison Present: Jason Maciejewski

Public Present: None

Staff Present: Theo Eggermont, Public Works Director
Michelle Katz, Water Resources Program Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Chair, Schmidt called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by K. Root, supported by L. Smith, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting- June 18, 2025

Motion by L. Smith, supported by B. Weinert, to approve the meeting minutes of June 18, 2025. Motion Carried.

4. Public Comment-Related to Meeting Agenda Items

Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker) **

Reports/Program Update

A) Lake Improvement Projects Update

T. Eggermont reported that the Lower Huron River Chain of Lakes currently is being surveyed by the contractor and there will be upcoming treatments to the canals.

He also mentions that North Lake will undergo weed harvesting, and after the survey in August they will follow up with a water run off study that is entering the lake.

G. Driskell mentioned there have been reports on a low lake level at Joslin, suggesting there may be an issue with beavers there possibly contributing to the level. Driskell is investigating the issue to determine the outcome of the impact.

T. Eggermont reported that the 2025 Special Assessments have been set based on each of the project's budgets and current fund balances thus some projects' amounts have been reduced.

B) WRRMA Update

• **Approved Meeting Minutes 4/21/2025**

T. Eggermont reported last month's meeting they are working on education and outreach consisting of the municipalities web site pages to improve communications and unified web site pages with link improvements etc. He also mentioned they will do some additional campaign ideas to assist residents with how/what materials can be recyclable as well as how. Bagging those items has been an issue with some of the municipalities.

- L. Smith asked if all the municipalities have staff or contractors that can update their websites quickly.
T. Eggermont responded that some do and some of them do not of the resources.

D) Directors Report

- **MMPC Update – Approved 5/21/2025 Meeting Minutes**

T. Eggermont reported they have concluded the recycling portion of the plan. He expects to have a draft section for the Management plan that will be presented to the committee at the next meeting. The next phase is to discuss organic materials and where there could be improvements in this part of the plan. There was discussion on processing with digestors for the organic materials vs other ways to reduce organic materials. He mentioned that it is a difficult task and topic for organic materials and the best practices for processing or reducing the materials due to the causes of greenhouse gases in landfills.

- **Arbor Hills Annual Meeting**

T. Eggermont reported there were discussions with regards to compliance issues, with some violations, with many improvements with changeover in the gas systems to address the issues. It has been a positive working relationship. A. Schmit mentioned that they are operating in good faith and collaborative discussion. L. Smith added that GFL also talked about compactions for landfill materials.

- **Sponsorship Changes**

T. Eggermont explained that changes to the sponsorship match will increase with structure changes based on entity. Looking to do 75% for municipalities and businesses at 50% also doing 1 round for municipalities for assisting in them holding their own Clean up days for materials. B. Weiner asked if there was a document, so there is a clear understanding of the scope etc. Eggermont replied he is working on completing this.

- **WWRA Debt Assessments**

T. Eggermont mentioned there are sufficient funds in the WWRA Debt Fund and therefore we won't be assessing it for 2025 as the pay off is due May 2026. The remainder of the funds are to be used for Educational or building improvements purposes, so it will be disbursed once the debt payments are met.

6. Action Items

A) Claims \$50,000.00 and Under (June/July 25) Attachment A

Motion by L. Smith, supported by B. Weinert to file and receive claims for July 2025 as presented.
Motion Carried.

B) Claims \$50,000.00 and Over (June/July 25) Attachment A

Motion by K. Root, supported by L. Smith, to file and receive claims for July 2025 as presented.
Motion Carried.

C) 2025 Special Assessments

- *WWRA – Operations and Maintenance*

Motion by K. Root, supported by L. Smith to approve 2025 Special Assessment as presented.
Motion Carried.

- *WWRA – Debt Retirement*

Motion by B. Weinert, supported by K. Root to approve 2025 Special Assessment as presented.
Motion Carried

- *North Lake Improvement Project*

Motion by K. Root, supported by L. Smith to approve 2025 Special Assessment as presented.
Motion Carried

- *Joslin Lake Improvement Project*

Motion by L. Smith, supported by B. Weinert to approve 2025 Special Assessment as presented.
Motion Carried

- *Pleasant Lake Improvement Project*

Motion by L. Smith, supported by K. Root Smith to approve 2025 Special Assessment as presented.
Motion Carried

- *Lower Huron River Chain of Lakes Improvement Project*

Motion by L. Smith, supported by B. Weinert to approve 2025 Special Assessment as presented.
Motion Carried

- *Silver Lake Improvement Project*
Motion by K. Root, supported by L. Smith to approve 2025 Special Assessment as presented.
Motion Carried
- *Whitmore Lake Improvement Project*
Motion by L. Smith, supported by B. Weinert to approve 2025 Special Assessment as presented.
Motion Carried

7. **Financial Reports**
Received and filed.
8. **Other Business**
None
9. **Public Comment- General/Un-related to Current Meeting Agenda Items**
Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker)**
No Public Present publicly or remotely.
10. **Meeting Adjourned at 9:32 a.m.**


Gretchen Driskell, Secretary