

Hart County Water and Sewer Authority Board of Directors Meeting March 15, 2021

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met on March 15th, 2021 in the Hart County Library Lower Meeting Room. Chairman Wade Carlton called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present were: Board Members Larry Haley, Marvin Justice and Patti York; Hart County Commissioner Joey Dorsey; Director Pat Goran; Legal Counsel Kim Higginbotham; and Board Secretary/Treasurer Holly McBrayer. Board Member Bennie Harper was absent.

Welcome

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Haley motioned to approve the agenda. Ms. York seconded the motion which passed 4 – 0.

Public Comments: remarks by invited guests

None

Approval of February 15th regular meeting minutes

Ms. York motioned to approve the February 15th regular meeting minutes. Mr. Haley seconded the motion which passed 4 – 0.

Financial report

Mr. Goran presented the Financial Report.

Old Business

Request for Water Service – Mount Olivet Road, Cleveland Mill Road, Pineview Lane, Oaktree Lane, Reno Drive

Mr. Goran informed the Board that EMI agreed with his recommendation to use 12” pipe on Mt. Olivet Road and estimated the project going out to bid in July.

2020 Community Development Block Grant

Mr. Goran gave a brief update on the 2020 CDBG grant project and estimated the project going out to bid mid to late May.

Review and discussion of Authority’s Mission Statement and Strategic Business Plan

The Board agreed to ask EMI to model HCWSA’s system for proactive planning. Mr. Goran explained that a proposed third tank located in the Reed Creek area was part of the long range Master Plan that EMI had previously done and would allow for smaller line sizes in some parts of the system. Mr. Goran noted that the additional cost of a tank should be weighed against the savings of using smaller size pipe.

Consideration of purchasing replacement unit 2 truck

The Board asked Mr. Goran to get additional quotes from local dealers on both a V6 and a V8 engine. The Board agreed to revisit this topic at the next meeting.

New Business

None

Director's Comments

Mr. Goran informed the Board of the upcoming Open Records / Meetings Training meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 23rd at 7:30 pm at the Literacy Center. He stated that our Field Technician will be attending the Annual GRWA Conference in May. Mr. Goran noted that PVC pipe prices were still high and expressed his concern for upcoming bids. Mr. Goran also informed the Board of recent cybersecurity issues at a water treatment plant in Florida. Mr. Goran also stated that Mrs. McBrayer is a member of the Georgia Local Government Personnel Association and is actively involved with the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing.

Mrs. McBrayer said that Mr. Goran had been recently appointed to the Hart County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors as well as being Vice-Chair of their Economic Development sub-committee. She added the Mr. Goran also serves on the Georgia Association of Water Professionals Legislative committee.

Mr. Carlton thanked both Mr. Goran and Mrs. McBrayer.

Mr. Goran informed the Board that the City of Hartwell had informed Hart County of their intent to attempt to annex Sidney Point. Mr. Goran stated that this particular area was clearly defined as HCWSA service territory according to the official service delivery map for both water and sewer.

The Board discussed options to provide sewer to the area, such as an onsite sewage treatment system which would likely require approval by the Hart County Health Department.

Mrs. York expressed her concerns regarding a negative environmental impact with regards to potential sewage leaks.

Mr. Dorsey expressed some concerns with the proposed annexation.

The Boards' consensus was that regardless of annexation decisions, the property should remain within HCWSA service delivery territory.

Members' Comments

None

Upcoming Meetings – Monday, April 19th, 2021 and Monday, May 17th, 2021

The next Board meetings will be held Monday, April 19th, 2021 and Monday, May 17th, 2021.

Adjournment

Mr. Haley motioned to adjourn, and Mr. Justice seconded it. The motion passed 4 - 0.

Wade Carlton, Chairman

Holly McBrayer, Secretary

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