



Board Meeting
Special Sherman Lake Special Assessment District Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2022
5:30 P.M.

- **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 5:33pm by Supervisor Hutchings.
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- **Roll Call**

The following Board Members were present: Treasurer Genung, Clerk Louis, Supervisor Hutchings and Trustees Sulka, Langshaw, Bekes and Harmon. No members absent. Attorney Rob Thall was present via Zoom. Also, present Attorney Mark Nettleton, Financial Advisor Andy Campbell, Gull Lake Sewer and Water Authority's Heather Mezo and John Crumb.
Approximately 60 interested Residents were present.
- **Approval of Agenda**

Trustee Harmon moved to approve the agenda. Trustee Langshaw seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Approve Voluntary Sherman Lake Sewer Improvement Project Special Assessment District Contracts Received.**

Supervisor Hutchings introduced Director John Crumb of GLSWA. John presented the following update to the Board.
The sewer connection project is a project focused on providing all participants within the district with financial assistance. This is achieved by a "buy in" cost and the connection cost. GLSWA is providing special financing for the "buy in" fee through an installment payment option at 3% over 5 years. The SAD is providing an annual installment payment option for 20 years at a rate determined upon closing of the bond sale, in August.

Numbers:

- 70 Voluntary SAD contracts
- 2 pre-paid in full connections with bulk pricing for SAD
- 2 connections already completed with special bulk pricing for SAD
- 19 residents provided no response

Materials:

- GLSWA has solidified pricing on all required materials for 93 connections

Project Dates:

- Contracts begin September 6, with a completion date for 72 connections being anticipated September 1, 2023.
- GLSWA anticipates roughly half the connections before winter weather season begins.
- Spring startup is weather dependent.
- 4 homes have had electrical updates/upgrades completed in anticipation of connections occurring this fall.

Contracts:

- Final approval of sewer project contracts will occur in August.
- Contractors chose for this project meet required qualifications and have provided their set labor rates for project calculations.
- Contracts await execution pending final bond pricing for the SAD.

Supervisor Hutchings advised Clerk Louis to remove one contract of the 70 on file as one resident had paid in full due to extenuating circumstances.

Trustee Bekes Moved to approve contracts the 69 contracts that were received. Trustee Harmon seconded motion. A roll call vote was held. The following members voted Aye: Bekes, Genung, Harmon, Hutchings, Langshaw, Louis and Sulka. Nay votes: None. 69 Contract were approved unanimously.

Trustee Sulka confirmed with John Crumb that Qualified Contractors are used and can be contracted by residents as long as they are qualified to perform the electrofusion connects required. He also asked if Grants have been secured or can be. Andy Campbell replied that once Bonds are issued no, they are not. Grants must be secured prior closing on bonds. He further noted that the median household income is too high in the district to qualify for USDA or State Funding.

- **Public Hearing on Sherman Lake Sewer Improvement Project Special Assessment District.**

5:48pm Supervisor opened the Public Hearing.

Attorney Thall noted that the residents that are included in the district were all notified via 1st Class mail as well as the required public notices.

Kerry Lynn Elieff of 39th St said she was not in the district and asked the Board to rescind the Contracts.

Scott Boyd of Sherman Lake stated he was in district and estimates were given but the interest rate cannot be set until Bond is sold and asked the Board to do everything in its power to find the best rate available.

Nancy Boyd of Sherman Lake stated she was not in the district but wanted to thank the Board for their hard work.

Tom Boyd of Sherman Lake stated he was not in the district but wanted to thank the Board.

Tom Saad of Sherman Lake stated he was not in the district but was in support of the Board and GLSW's achievement of over 18 years of work.

Roger Sweitzer of Sherman Lake stated he was not in the district and was a 42-year resident and was personally involved in weed SAD and wanted to thank the Board.

Christine Russell of Sherman Lake stated she was in the district and was unclear on due dates and early payoff, half up front? John Crumb stated he would meet with her the next day. Trustee Harmon verified that questions regarding partial, pre-payments or funding and finance should be directed to John Crum at GLSWA.

Supervisor Hutchings closed the Public Hearing at 6:02pm

- **Approve Resolution 72122-1 to Establish Sherman Lake Sewer Improvement Project Special Assessment District.**

Trustee Langshaw moved to adopt the Resolution 72122-1. Trustee Bekes seconded. A roll call vote was held. The following members voted Aye: Sulka, Louis, Langshaw, Hutchings, Harmon, Genung and Bekes. Nay Votes: none. Resolution 72122-1 adopted unanimously.

- **Public Hearing on Sherman Lake Sewer Improvement Project Special Assessment District Roll**

Supervisor Hutchings opened the Public Hearing at 6:05pm.

Public Hearing closed at 6:05pm.

Attorney Thall noted that all residents within the district were notified via 1st class mail as well as required public notices.

- **Approve Resolution 72122-2 to Confirm Sherman Lake Sewer Improvement Project Special Assessment District Roll.**

Trustee Bekes moved to adopt Resolution 72122-2. Trustee Harmon seconded. Attorney Thall noted that the role was amended to remove one resident "McBain".

A roll call vote was held and the following members voted Aye: Bekes, Sulka, Harmon, Genung, Louis, Langshaw and Hutchings. Nay votes: None. Resolution 72122-2 adopted unanimously.

- **Approve Bond Authorizing Resolution**

Principal of Bond to be \$1,113,000.00 and to close by end of August. Residents cannot be a part of the roll/SAD if contract is not turned in today. Attorney Thall noted that residents are under a mandatory connection and may utilize their own financing methods. Trustee Bekes moved to authorize the bond agreement. Treasurer Genung

seconded the motion. Trustee Sulka asked if the Bond would be callable and if the resident can pay in full at any time? Andy Campbell stated that the Township can receive payment in full at any time..

A roll call vote was held the following members voted Aye: Langshaw, Genung, Louis, Hutchings, Harmon, Bekes and Sulka. The following members voted Nay: none.

Resolution 72122-3 adopted unanimously.

- **Approve bank RFPs**

Trustee Bekes moved to approve Bank RFPs. Trustee Sulka Seconded. A roll call vote was held and the following members voted Aye: Harmon, Bekes, Langshaw, Sulka, Hutchings, Genung and Louis. The following members voted Nay: none. Bank RFPs approved unanimously.

- **Public Comment**

Supervisor Hutchings opened the floor to public comment at 6:20pm.

The floor was closed to public comment at 6:21pm no comments.

- **Adjournment**

Trustee Bekes moved to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Trustee Langshaw. Motion carried unanimously; meeting adjourned at 6:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carin Louis
Township Clerk