

Northport/Leelanau Township Utilities Authority

July 21, 2020 9:30 AM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Via ZOOM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tom Gremel called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM via ZOOM conference.

II. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Tom Gremel, Tim Overdier, Chris Holton, and Gary Fredrickson (joined the meeting late). **Absent:** Bob Featherly

Staff Present: Joni Scott, Cindy Edmondson

Guests Present: Zack Niec (JACOBS), Scott Walker, Ben Kladder, Scott Thompson, and Fred Gordon

III. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chris Holton moved, supported by Tim Overdier to approve the minutes of the NLTUA Board regular meeting of June 16, 2020.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas (3) Nays (0) Absent (1) **Motion approved.**

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

V. PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Chris Holton moved, supported by Tim Overdier to approve the payment of bills for the month of June in the amount of \$25,440.82.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas (3) Nays (0) Absent (1) **Motion Approved**

VI. STAFF REPORTS:

A. Clerk/Treasurer Report:

- Joni Scott reported that there has been one new connection and permits issued for one new build off 5th Street. All quarterly bills have been mailed. Automatic bank payments (ACH's) are now being processed for many people who have signed up for that option.
- B. Liaison: Cindy Edmondson reported that four properties that were in violation of the NLTUA ordinance that prohibits sump pump discharge being put into the sewer system have been identified and notified.
 - C. **Superintendent Report:** Two of the four in violation have been scheduled for correcting their situation this coming week. Zack Niec from Jacobs and Supt. Holton have been investigating trying to identify those areas where groundwater is being pumped into the system.
 - D. **JACOBS Operator's Report:** Zack Niec discussed the report he submitted including the fact that all the sand filters were replaced and all are working well.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS None

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE One letter from our risk control manager who gave a good report on the treatment plant operation.

IX. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Timber Shores Development
Scott Thompson, Civil Engineer working for Fred Gordon and the Timber Shores development is near a point where a decision has to be made whether to have an on-site wastewater treatment facility or to hook into the treatment plant in Northport. He reported the cost estimates are within \$200K of each other. The discussion revolved around what modifications, if any, would need to be made to the existing treatment plant to accommodate the campground influent and the REU costs involved for 300 sites.
- B. A discussion of the current REU schedule was postponed.
- C. An update on influent water at the treatment plant indicates that the numbers are up, occasionally significantly from last year. The amount of rainfall, the current high water situation and sump pumps dumping water into the sewer system are causing the numbers to be higher this year. Letters have gone out to all sewer users reminding them of the

sewer ordinance that prohibits sump water entering the sewer system and the penalties for violating that ordinance.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT None

XI. MEMBER COMMENT: None

XII. ADJOURNMENT A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Holton and seconded by Gary Fredrickson. **Roll Call Vote:** Yeas (4) Nays (0) Absent (1)