

MINUTES

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BRIGHTON
UTILITIES COMMITTEE
4363 Buno Road
BRIGHTON, MI 48114**

**January 29, 2018
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M.
(810) 229.0550**

C. Moran called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: C. Moran, F. Grapentien, R. Drouillard, J. Panning, J. Dorset, J. Stinedurf

Absent: None

Also Present: B. Vick (Township Manager), T. High (WWTP Manager), K. Palka (Sewer Fund Auditor)

Utility Committee Chairman C. Moran read a prepared statement regarding his meeting expectations during the "Call to the Public" agenda item portions of Utility Committee meetings.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ba. Potocki, 8420 Woodland Shore Drive: Questioned the Chairperson's restriction on sharing minutes.

M. Palmer, 10382 East Grand River: Questioned Chairperson's decision on restricting minutes and discussed previous utilities committee meetings. Mr. Palmer wants directional boring across I-96 at the Pleasant Valley Bridge. He stated motions are made and passed by the Utilities Committee (UC) with no follow-up with the Brighton Township Board of Trustees (BTBT).

J. Black School Lake gave her time to Mike Palmer, which is included in the summary above.

Bo. Potocki, 8420 Woodland Shore Drive: Distributed a handout, then discussed finances, plant capacity, and usage of sewer system.

AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda with the amendments of moving the DFCU REU Assignment Appeal to immediately after the Nomination and Election of 2018 Officers and moving the Wastewater Monthly Operating Report immediately before the Annual Rate Discussion by F. Grapentien and supported by J. Stinedurf. **Motion carried.**

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J. Dorset moved and J. Stinedurf supported to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 Meeting with the addition that the minutes reference that J. Stinedurf arrived late due to his conflicting responsibilities with the Planning Commission that evening. **Motion carried.**

BUSINESS

1. Nomination and Election of 2018 Officers — F. Grapentien moved and J. Dorset supported to retain the officers from 2017 of C. Moran as Chairman, J. Dorset as Vice-Chairman, and F. Grapentien as Secretary. **Motion carried.**

2. REU Assignment Appeal – Dearborn Federal Credit Union – B. Vick summarized the Appellant’s sewer and water presented material from three (3) distinct DFCU offices. B. Vick explained his rationale for bringing this item to the UC. DFCU Appellant reviewed information provided to UC with arguments for a REU assignment reduction. UC discussed the uniqueness of appellant’s proposed plan for the site, the sewer ordinance, REU requirements for metering and sufficient applicability of the data. J. Stinedurf moved and C. Moran supported to accept the recommendation of the Township Manager and uphold the assignment of three (3) REUs for the proposed DFCU branch proposed at 9956 East Grand River due to insufficient comparable max-day-usage data and pending litigation. **Motion carried.**
3. Quarterly Sewer Report for the period ending 12/31/17 – K. Palka summarized the material that was provided to the Utilities Committee and discussed with the Committee; grants, grinder pumps, assets, liabilities, reporting of expenditures and financials for each fund. The report, when explained, reflected primarily all good news.
4. Wastewater System Monthly Operating Report – B. Vick introduced the report and T. High answered questions from the Committee about flow variations. The report reflected primarily all good news.
5. Annual Sewer Rate Discussion – B. Vick introduced the topic by reviewing pending litigation and status of the proposed settlement agreement. B. Vick also discussed new planned developments, future costs and grinder pumps with the Committee. B. Vick recommended no changes to the rates for both the Debt Service and O&M funds. The Manager clarified that it would be necessary to have a special meeting of the Utilities Committee in May to potentially increase rates in the event that the settlement agreement is not approved as proposed. J. Stinedurf moved and F. Grapentien supported to accept the recommendation of the Township Manager that the User Charge remains at \$106 per REU per quarter and that the Debt Service Charge remains at \$80.50 per REU per quarter for Fiscal Year 2018-19 and to forward this recommendation to the BTBT. **Motion carried.**

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Bo. Potocki, 8420 Woodland Shore Drive: Stated Township lacks the authority on various matters. Brighton Township does not own the Township Municipal Sewer System, the Livingston County Drain Commission does. Mr. Potocki has no belief in the creditability of either the Township Manager or Sewer Funds Auditor. Grinder pumps, other than the E1 that is presently in service, may have a lower failure rate which would have an effect on the Asset Management Plan.

J. Dorset moved and F. Grapentien supported to adjourn at 9:10 pm.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Moran, Chairman

Frank Grapentien, Secretary