

**NORTH HOUGHTON COUNTY WATER AND SEWAGE AUTHORITY**

**DATE: 10-23-23.**

Meeting was called to order by Bonenfant at 12:04 PM

**ROLL CALL:** Bonenfant, Zubiena, Primeau, Mukavetz, LaRochelle

Others Present: Heikkila, Holmes, Gasperich

*Motion* Zubiena 2<sup>nd</sup> Mukavetz to approve the September 25, 2023 minutes as presented; Carried.

**Projects:**

Holmes updated the board on the progress of the Phase 1 Project. Soil borings have been completed, UPEA is working with Upper Michigan Water to locate and show water mains on the plans. Plans are near the 90% complete stage, at that point the Permit for construction will be submitted to EGLE. Holmes presented an invoice for work completed on the project.

*Motion*, LaRochelle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Primeau to approve the invoice to loan in the amount of \$7,289.39, as presented; carried

Holmes presented an invoice for work completed assisting with PFAS/GWMW issues.

*Motion*, Mukavetz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Zubiena to approve the invoice in the amount of \$327.00, as presented; carried

Holmes informed the board that Greg Putman has been looking into funding sources for the potential Homestake Mine Tailings Pond rehabilitation. Currently the funding does not appear readily available and Holmes indicated this type of project might need upfront work completed to present in a request for funding, including topographic survey and site evaluations.

**Xylem Invoice:**

Heikkila presented an invoice from Xylem to repair the pump from 1st street CSO.

*Motion*, Mukavetz, 2<sup>nd</sup> LaRochelle to approve the invoice in the amount of \$2,343.00, as presented; carried

**MERS :**

Heikkila presented a MMERS Resolution for Adopting Act No. 88. With this resolution the NHCWSA would become a reciprocal unit under the Reciprocal Retirement Act. Heikkila stated that this resolution was presented by the authorities MERS representative as a “no cost” resolution.

*Motion*, LaRochelle 2<sup>nd</sup> Primeau to adopt the resolution, as presented; carried

**Door quote:**

Heikkila presented a quote from Sell Hardware, for a new door at the office. Shipping was estimated but will cap at \$400.00

*Motion*, Primeau 2<sup>nd</sup> Bonenfant to approve the door quote for \$2,039.00, as presented; carried

**Wages and Benefits Committee:**

A committee was selected, Mukavetz, Primeau, and Bonenfant will be on this years committee. Mukavetz was tasked with setting dates and times for the committee to meet.

**Other:**

Heikkila informed the board that he has been contacted by the current owner of 25494 Lower Street. The owner wants to build a garage on his lot, he has been told that he

would not be able to construct an attached garage without relocating the sewer main. In discussions, Heikkila has informed the owner that a variance from the 10' easement each side of sewer main would be feasible due to the relatively shallow main. More ongoing discussions with owner are expected

Gasperich updated the board on Lehto's pending retirement. Lehto has stated he wished to be done by November, but currently has not officially resigned. Gasperich informed the board that at the Calumet Twp meeting on 10-31-23, the Twp board may appoint Lehto's replacement with a contingency that the appointment would become official upon Lehtos retirement.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

*Motion Mukavetz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Primeau  
to pay monthly bills totaling \$ 69,686.96 as presented; Carried.*

*Motion Zubiena, 2<sup>nd</sup> Larachelle to adjourn at 12:37 pm; Carried.*

Recorded by,

Submitted by,

Cleve Heikkila

Daniel Zubiena  
Secretary