Minutes

YPILANTI COMMUNITY UTILITIES AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Wednesday, January 23, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.
YCUA Administration Building
2777 State Road
Ypsilanti, MI 48198-9112


Members Absent: Larry J. Doe.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Stumbo called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion by Jason to receive and file the minutes of the December 19, 2018 meeting as presented. Support by Bodary. In favor: All. Opposed: None. (Motion carried.)

3. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Request to Approve – Authorization to Seek Bids re: 2019 Road Repairs Phase 1 (O & M Expense Account No. 902-161) – Scott D. Westover

   Motion by Bodary to provide Authorization to Seek Bids re: 2019 Road Repairs Phase 1 (O & M Expense Account No. 902-161). Support by Jason. In favor: All. Opposed: None. (Motion carried.)

B. Fund Balance Report – Dwayne Harrigan

   Informational only; no motion from the Board required.

C. Financial Report – Authority Net Assets – Dwayne Harrigan

   Informational only; no motion from the Board required.


   Informational only; no motion from the Board required.

E. Attorney’s Report – Thomas E. Daniels
Mr. Daniels advised the Board that the joint litigation with YCUA and Ypsilanti Township is moving forward. He reminded them that it was the result of the damage caused by misuse of the fire hydrant at the civic center. Mr. Daniels explained that the matter should be wrapped up within the next week to 10 days.

F. **Environmental Report** – Sreedhar Mullapudi

Mr. Mullapudi advised the Board that the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), in an effort to evaluate PFAS contamination and evaluation of biosolids, has been conducting sampling and analysis of biosolids at municipal wastewater treatment plants. He indicated that YCUA was selected for this sampling. Mr. Mullapudi explained that, on November 6th, the consultant for MDEQ collected plant influent, effluent, and biosolids samples at the Authority for PFAS analysis. He pointed out that the results of this analysis indicated PFAS concentrations at YCUA were 6.2 nanograms per millilitre (ng/mL), well below the Water Quality Standards (WQS) of 12 ng/mL.

Mr. Mullapudi also explained that YCUA is currently working with five or six potential PFAS sources, including the RACER Trust property and area landfills, on developing a management plan. The matter was then discussed further.

He further advised that, on December 19th, YCUA took the incinerator offline for its preventive maintenance inspection. Mr. Mullapudi stated that the Authority engaged various outside companies including Arvos, Airpol, and Suez for this evaluation. He acknowledged that the temporary shutdown of the incinerator is expected to last through the end of February 2019. Ms. Stumbo asked if this is the reason for the odors she experienced that day. Mr. Castro responded that the odors would be from the primary holding tanks while the incinerator is offline. Ms. Stumbo asked that obtaining the covers for the holding tanks be made a priority. Mr. Castro responded that a plan is in the works to identify all areas for potential odor. Ms. Stumbo commented that she is aware that lime has been added to the process to combat odors. Mr. Castro indicated that the lime is for truck-loading purposes.

Mr. Mullapudi confirmed that, on December 6th, YCUA conducted a repeat of the continuous emissions monitoring system (CEMS) relative accuracy test audit (RATA) to measure SO2, CO, and O2 in the emissions. He explained that the test was successful. Mr. Mullapudi pointed out that, in addition, emissions testing was conducted for mercury which was found to be well below the regulatory threshold.
G. Human Resources Report – Kevin M. Welch

Mr. Welch advised the Board that two new employees have been hired in the last month – a mechanic and a groundskeeper. He indicated that training has been set back a bit due to the holidays but that five different training sessions took place, mostly in safety-related areas.

Mr. Welch explained that, in February, a management team building training series will be conducted by an individual from Eastern Michigan University.

He pointed out that eight new licenses have been obtained for the month in the lab, water distribution, and wastewater. Mr. Welch also explained that it is always good news when employees are motivated to obtain licensing above and beyond the minimum job requirements.

H. Director’s Report - Jeff Castro

There was no Director’s Report for the month.

4. OLD BUSINESS: There was no Old Business for the month.

5. OTHER BUSINESS: There was no Other Business for the month.

6. STATEMENTS AND CHECKS: Motion by Bodary to pay the current month’s bills in the amount of $3,547,273.92. Support by Jason. In favor: All. Opposed: None. (Motion carried.)

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no Public Comments for the month.

8. ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Jason to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m. Support by Bodary. In favor: All. Opposed: None. (Motion carried.)

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL BODARY, Vice Chair