Members Present: Larry J. Doe, J. Ray Scott, and Philip W. Wagner.

Members Absent: Edward B. Koryzno, Jr. and Mark Namatevsky

1. CALL TO ORDER: Doe called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion by Wagner to receive and file the minutes of the June 28, 2005 meeting. Support by Scott. In favor: All. Opposed: None. (Motion carried.)

3. NEW BUSINESS:

A. West Willow Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation - Larry R. Thomas

Mr. Thomas reminded the Board that, at the April meeting, they awarded a contract to Insituform Technologies USA for $474,459.50 for the West Willow Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation. He indicated that he neglected at that time to request that this be paid from remaining funds from the Township Division Water System No. 4 Bonds, $410,163 of which must be spent within the next few months in order to remain in compliance with the non-arbitrage agreement. Mr. Thomas explained that this is a budgeted item and that the remaining costs will be paid from the O & M fund.

Mr. Thomas recommended approval of the use of the remaining $410,163 in the Township Division Water System No. 4 Bonds as payment to Insituform Technologies USA for the West Willow Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation with the balance of the $474,459.50 contract to be paid from the O & M fund.
Motion by Wagner to approve the use of the remaining $410,163 in the Township Division Water System No. 4 Bonds as payment to Insituform Technologies USA for the West Willow Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation with the balance of the $474,459.50 contact to be paid from the O & M fund. Support by Scott. In favor: All. Opposed: None. (Motion carried)


Mr. Thomas directed the Board’s attention to the draft budget for fiscal year 2005-2006. He indicated that water and sewer sales have been projected based on activities of the previous two years as well as ongoing conversations with YCUA’s major customers. Mr. Thomas also explained that the budget includes an increase the water rate for both divisions of 4.6% and a sewer rate increase of 2.0%.

He pointed out that the number of personnel projected in this budget has been decreased from last year’s budget projections. Mr. Thomas explained that he has delayed the filling of five positions that have been projected for the current budget due to decreased flow projections from WTUA.

He further advised that the largest increase in projected expenses is due to the creation of a retired employee health trust fund, which will reduce the liability YCUA is accruing from the increases in costs for our retired employees’ health care. He recommended a payment into this health trust fund this year in the amount of $1,960,600. Mr. Thomas confirmed that he met with representatives from MMERS regarding the creation of this health trust fund and recommends that YCUA use them for this purpose. He explained they would perform an actuarial analysis of our liabilities and prepare a recommendation on the yearly contribution to fund this trust in the future.

Mr. Thomas recommended approval of the draft budget as well as the request to enter into negotiations with MMERS to create the retired employees’ health trust fund and to make a payment into this health trust fund this year in the amount of $1,960,600.

J. Ray Scott entertained a motion to table this item and commented that, while he does not have any problems with the draft budget that, when looking at a budget of this magnitude, he would like to take advantage of the additional 30 days to thoroughly review the information presented.

Motion by Scott to table this item until the August Board. Support by Wagner. In favor: All. Opposed: None. (Motion carried)
C. **Request to Approve – Water and Sewer Rate Increase** - Larry R. Thomas

Mr. Thomas advised the Board that included in this year’s budget is an increase in the water rate of 4.6% and the sewer rate of 2.0%. He indicated that, based on the draft budget, this will generate enough income to meet our non-operational needs, i.e., debt principal payment and capital acquisition. Mr. Thomas also explained that, additionally, it will generate sufficient gross revenue in the City Division to comply with the city’s bond covenants requiring 125% debt coverage on the city-issued revenue bonds. He pointed out that the rate increases have a combined effect for the customers of the Authority on their total water and sewer bills of a 2% increase. Mr. Thomas explained that the 4.6% increase in the water rate in the Township Division requires board action by this board. He further advised that a majority vote by the Board will cause this increase to be effective. Mr. Thomas stated that the other increases require approval of either the Township Board of Trustees or City Council. He acknowledged that Tom Daniels will prepare the proper ordinance language. Mr. Thomas confirmed that the CPI for this area for the last 12 months has increased by 3.1%. He explained that this rate increase, which has a combined effect of a 3.2% increase in water and sewer bills, is in line with the CPI. Mr. Thomas pointed out that, additionally, we are funding the retired employees’ health care fund.

Mr. Thomas recommended approval of a 4.6% water rate increase in the Township Division, a recommendation to the Township Board to raise the sewer rate by 2.0%, and a recommendation to City Council to raise the water rate by 4.6% and the sewer rate by 2.0%.

Motion by Scott to approve a 4.6% water rate increase in the Township Division, a recommendation to the Township Board to raise the sewer rate by 2.0%, and a recommendation to City Council to raise the water rate by 4.6% and the sewer rate by 2.0%. Support by Wagner. In favor: All. Opposed: None. (Motion carried)

D. **Request to Approve – Wastewater Treatment Plant Floor Scrubber Purchase** - T. Michael Jessee

Mr. Jessee directed the Board’s attention to his memo regarding the purchase of a floor scrubber for the wastewater treatment plant facility. He indicated that RFPs were prepared, advertised, and opened in compliance with our purchasing policy. Mr. Jessee also explained that only one company, Kellemeier Bockstanz, responded to the RFPs in the amount of $10,870. He pointed out that although only one bid was received, staff did compare prices of similar units and the responsive bid is
reasonable. Mr. Jessee explained that the huge amount of floor space in the wastewater treatment plant makes this floor-scrubbing machine a practical solution to housekeeping. Mr. Jessee stated that this item is budgeted for the current fiscal year.

Mr. Jessee recommended approval of the purchase of the floor scrubber from Kellemeyer Bockstanz in the amount of $10,870.

Motion by Wagner to approve the purchase of the floor scrubber from Kellemeyer Bockstanz in the amount of $10,870. Support by Scott. In favor: All. Opposed: None. (Motion carried)

E. Request to Approve – Engineering Department Scanner/Plotter/Copier Purchase - T. Michael Jessee

Mr. Jessee directed the Board’s attention to his memo regarding the purchase of a scanner/plotter/copier for the engineering department. He indicated that RFPs were prepared, advertised, and opened in compliance with our purchasing policy and that two bids were received with the low bid from New Dimensions Management Systems, Inc. in the amount of $16,900. Mr. Jessee also explained that the engineering department is in need of this unit in the preparation of bidding packets for copying prints and for transferring electronic drawings to paper. He pointed out that this item is budgeted for this fiscal year.

Mr. Jessee recommended approval of the purchase of the scanner/plotter/copier from New Dimensions Management Systems, Inc. in the amount of $16,900.

Motion by Scott to approve the purchase of the scanner/plotter/copier from New Dimensions Management Systems, Inc. in the amount of $16,900. Support by Wagner. In favor: All. Opposed: None. (Motion carried)

F. Request to Approve – Generator Purchase - T. Michael Jessee

Mr. Jessee directed the Board’s attention to his letter regarding the purchase of a stationary generator for the UV facility at the wastewater treatment plant and a mobile generator for the maintenance department. He indicated that it is a violation of our NPDES permit to discharge water without disinfection and the stationary generator will supply the UV facility with electricity in the event of power failure and allow for the continued disinfection of our effluent. Mr. Jessee also explained that the mobile generator is used to provide power to our lift stations in the community in the event of both widespread and localized power outages. He pointed out that RFPs were prepared, advertised, and opened in compliance with our purchasing policy. Mr. Jessee explained that four bids were received and three complied with the bid requirements. He
further advised that Cummins Bridgeway was the low bid of the three qualifying submittals. Mr. Jessee stated that these items are budgeted in the current fiscal year. He acknowledged that the stationary generator for the UV building at $59,225 qualifies to be paid from the WWTP improvement fund.

Mr. Jessee recommended approval of the purchase of two generators from Cummins Bridgeway Power in the amount of $103,038, with the stationary generator for the UV building at $59,225 to be paid from the WWTP improvement fund.

Motion by Scott to approve the purchase of two generators from Cummins Bridgeway Power in the amount of $103,038, with the stationary generator for the UV building at $59,225 to be paid from the WWTP improvement fund. Support by Wagner. In favor: All. Opposed: None. (Motion carried)

G. Request to Approve – Change Order No. 7 re: DWSD Second Connection Project - T. Michael Jessee

Mr. Jessee directed the Board’s attention to his memo regarding Change Order No. 7 on the DWSD Second Connection Project. He indicated that the change order is in the amount of $5,527.67. Mr. Jessee also explained that the contractor was required to perform extra work relative to this project. He pointed out that this item is paid through the DWRF loan program.

Mr. Jessee recommended approval of Change Order No. 7 on the DWSD Second Connection Project in the amount of $5,527.67.

Philip W. Wagner inquired as to whether the connection is close to being up and running. Mr. Jessee responded that it was running for about a week until it was discovered that there is an issue with the SCADA pulse signal received from DWSD. He indicated that the issue is not a major one, that will not create an additional expense, and that it should be resolved within the week.

Motion by Wagner to approve Change Order No. 7 on the DWSD Second Connection Project in the amount of $5,527.67. Support by Scott. In favor: All. Opposed: None. (Motion carried)

H. Request to Approve – Change Order No. 18 re: Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion/Improvements Project - T. Michael Jessee

Mr. Jessee directed the Board’s attention to Change Order No. 18 for the WWTP expansion/improvements project as well as his memo regarding the change order. The change order covers several items addressed in
Mike Jessee’s memo and is an increase in the project cost in the amount of $107,077. This change order brings total changes to $2,128,692. The change order addresses items that were discovered during the project as well as changes that staff requested. There are sufficient funds in the contingency fund to cover this increase.

Mr. Jessee recommended approval of Change Order No. 18 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion/Improvements Project in the amount of $107,077.

Motion by Scott to approve Change Order No. 18 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion/Improvements Project in the amount of $107,077. Support by Wagner. In favor: All. Opposed: None. (Motion carried)

I. Informational Item – Third Quarterly Production Report - T. Michael Jessee

Mr. Jessee directed the Board’s attention to the third quarterly production report. He then proceeded to give a detailed report of the information contained in the report and answered questions from the Board, paraphrased as follows:

The following information will address the production and overtime expenditures that occurred during the third quarter of the fiscal year 2004/2005. Many departments are reporting increased production and overtime expenditures that are within acceptable ranges.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

The wastewater treatment plant staff has operated the plant within the NPDES permit requirements. This is quite an accomplishment when one considers the inconvenience and changes in operation that the expansion project has placed upon the operational staff. The wastewater treatment staff has addressed all the new equipment start-ups with effectiveness and the operation of the equipment is progressing smoothly. Listed below is the new equipment that has been placed on line.

- Barscreen Bubbler system
- Grit Classifier
- Influent Pass
- Alum Pumps
- Vanton Sump Pumps
The Wastewater Treatment Plant treated 2,000,150,000 gallons during the third quarter, compared to 2,140,255,000 treated in the third quarter of the fiscal year 2003/2004. This represents a decrease of 140,105,000 gallons or 7.0%. The treatment process produced 6,319.5 tons of sludge during the third quarter; compared to 8404.2 tons of sludge produced during the third quarter of the last fiscal year. This represents a decrease of 2084.7 tons or 24.8%. This can be attributed to the new process being fully utilized, the belt press operations does not require lime or ferric which reduces the amount of tonnage. A spreadsheet is attached illustrating the disposal tonnage. YCUA has received 671,350 gallons of septic sewage for which $46,994.50 has been invoiced. This represents an increase of $18,501.70 compared to the third quarter of 2003/2004.

The Wastewater Department has incurred $54,525.46 in overtime expenditures during this fiscal year. This represents 29.22% of the $186,622.00 budget. This is an example of a conscience effort to maintain operations and reduce cost, the wastewater management team continues to address that issue with success. Good job Wastewater Staff.

**Maintenance Department**

Our maintenance employees continue to address issues associated with the expansion project. This quarter a safety platform was constructed to provide access to the barscreen. This will ensure safe access to the barscreen for our maintenance and wastewater personnel. Additionally, maintenance personnel installed new carpet and new communication cable in the customer service area. The annual electronic calibration for our large sanitary pump stations and the wastewater influent facility has been completed, this program has resulted in a substantial savings through the years.

The pumping facilities and meter pits are being maintained in an acceptable manner. Each facility is inspected weekly as a preventative maintenance procedure. There has been an upgrade of the force main and installation of the by-pass pipe work at the West Michigan lift station.

The maintenance department completed 2,427 work orders during the third quarter), this is an increase of 587 work orders when compared to the third quarter of the fiscal year 2003/2004. This represents an increase of 31.9%.

The maintenance department has incurred $71,422.82 in year to date overtime expenditures). This is 39.7% of the $179,892 budget. The management staff of the maintenance department has increased production while maintaining an acceptable expenditure in overtime.

**Customer Service Department**
The new Civic software is providing data that is being utilized by staff. As a combined effort with the meter department shut-offs for delinquent accounts are occurring in a timely fashion. The collection rates for delinquent accounts have also increased; this can be attributed to the persistency of Pam Brady, Collections Clerk. A spreadsheet is attached outlining the activities of our Customer Service Department.

Overtime expenditures are well within budget for the Customer Service department. YTD overtime expenditures are $2,056.16; this represents 17.09% of the $12,034 budget.

**Engineering Department**

The engineering department continues to address the many projects with discipline and dedication. During the third quarter the Engineering Manager completed thirty community development reviews. For those services there was $17,555.56 invoiced with $14,835.01 received in payment. Additionally, the engineering department estimates a savings of $27,000 for services rendered on YCUA projects. Those projects are the DWRF project plan preparation and submittal, Textile Road water main design, West Willow sanitary rehabilitation, DDA Parking Lot water main installation, West Michigan Avenue Sanitary force main improvements, Paint Creek Interceptor sanitary cleaning and televising, and First Avenue sanitary cleaning and televising. With the collected income generated for reviews fees and the estimated project savings the engineering department has contributed $41,835.01 to assist in offsetting the cost of the engineering operations.

Overtime is a rarity for the engineering employees. The YTD overtime expenditure is $515.29. This represents 3.45% of the $14,920 overtime budget.

**Service Center Department**

The Service Center is working diligently in addressing the completion of the automated inventory system. All inventoried items have been entered into the software and the issue of bar coding is being discussed. We anticipate completion of this project in September. The Service Center employees continue to take a pro-active approach in the cleaning of our sanitary collection system. The Service Center management team revised the cleaning schedule to address known problem areas. This has resulted in a savings of $37,000 in back-up settlements. Congratulations to our Service Center employees.

The Service Center department has had a productive third quarter with 8,077 tasks completed and 248,511 feet of sanitary mains flushed. Overtime expenditures YTD are $107,834.87, this represents 55.29% of the $195,045 budgeted.
**Water Distribution Department**

YCUA purchased 1,115,808,804 gallons of water during the third quarter. Water distribution records indicate 192,859,360 gallons were distributed in the City Division and 992,949,444 gallons in the Township Division. Year to date, YCUA has purchased 3,482,684,804 gallons this fiscal year compared to 3,471,203,208 gallons through the third quarter of fiscal year 2003/2004. This is an increase of 0.3%. Spreadsheets are attached illustrating the consumption in cubic feet and gallons.

The water distribution department has incurred $26,095.60 in overtime expenditures through the third quarter. This represents 31.06% of the $84,012.00 budgeted.

**Meter Department**

The meter department completed 2,912 tasks during the third quarter. This represents a 28.9% increase over the third quarter of the previous fiscal year in which 2,259 tasks were completed. The meter department incurred $6,576.36 in overtime expenditures through the third quarter. This represents 43.78% of the $15,022 budget.

**Compliance Department**

The laboratory personnel completed 8,885 analyses during the third quarter. This is an increase of 796, which results in a 9.8% increase over the third quarter in 2003/2004. The operation of the wastewater plant relies upon the analytic results generated by the laboratory. If an analysis indicates that an issue has arose within the treatment process notification is given to the wastewater operating staff. This ensures that operational adjustments can be implemented prior to an occurrence of NPDES violation. Communication between wastewater and the laboratory employees is the key to a pro-active approach to the treatment process. Teamwork is the key to success.

The industrial pretreatment division completed 17 industrial sampling events, one SIU inspection, reviewed 51 self-monitoring reports, issued 13 Violation Notice Letters and four Notice of Violation letters, conducted three Administration Order to show Cause Hearings, entered into two Administrative Consent Orders, and issued two permits. Mr. Bill Woodward manages the industrial pretreatment program (IPP), which is responsible to monitor the discharges of the significant industrial users.

Additionally, the Compliance Department submitted the following reports.

- **Title V Renewable Operating Permit Semi-Annual Report**
- **Title V renewable Operating Permit Annual Certification Report**
The Overtime for the compliance department is included with the wastewater treatment plant overtime expenditures.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion

The expansion of the WWTP is progressing well and substantial completion is expected before the January deadline. New equipment is being placed on line each week. The incinerator construction is progressing well with an expected burn-out of mid-August. The burn-out is a procedure to ensure that the fire rated mortar is cured properly. The incineration of sludge is expected to begin in early September.

The expansion project has substantially increased the workload for the operation and maintenance departments. The continual effort of coordination between the construction activities and operational procedures requires additional man-hours. That coordination has abated all possible violations of our NPDES. This is the result of the dedication of our valued employees.

The original construction contract amount was $92,278,000. The contingency expenditures are $2,021,615, which represents 2.19% of the construction cost. When consideration is given to the complexity and magnitude of the project this is a huge success. Many projects that do not include coordination between new and existing buildings, equipment, operational procedures, demolition and new construction have proven to exceed the original contract amount by much larger percentages. I am proud to be a part of the expansion project and I congratulate all the employees that have dedicated themselves to this project.

State of the Authority

The Authority continues to increase production and reduce expenditures. The estimated back-up settlement savings is directly related to the dedication of our Service Center employees. The estimated savings and income of our engineering department is yet another example of employees addressing the daily activities of the Authority from a business perspective. YCUA employees are proud of the services they provide to a well deserving community.

J. Ray Scott asked Mr. Jessee to comment on what, in his opinion, is causing such positive production reports, even in light of recent events. Mr. Jessee responded that his perspective is one of teamwork. He indicated that there is now a monthly Operational Committee meeting that gets together for interdepartmental discussions. Mr. Jessee also stated that
YCUA also now has weekly family meetings within each department, with the exception of the wastewater department due to training issues. He advised that he sees YCUA’s success as the result of a combined effort by all of the employees looking into the future as well as the communication of the activities within individual departments.

Informational only; no motion from the Board required.

J. **Fund Balance Report** - Larry R. Thomas

Mr. Thomas directed the Board’s attention to the Fund Balance Report. He then proceeded to give a detailed report of the information contained in the report and answered questions from the Board.

J. Ray Scott commented that the Board is most concerned with Visteon and YCUA’s larger users. He inquired as to whether Authority staff is comfortable with where YCUA stands with respect to those large entities and the moves they are making. Mr. Thomas responded that, as discussed during the draft budget item, he has attempted to be conservative with the revenue anticipated from those entities due to the uncertainties in the manufacturing industries. He assured Mr. Scott that he continues to stay in contact with the Authority’s larger customers, particularly those that have the largest impact on revenues.

Informational only; no motion from the Board required.


Mr. Thomas directed the Board’s attention to the Financial Report – Authority Net Assets Reports for June. He then proceeded to give a detailed report of the information contained in the reports and answered questions from the Board.

Informational only; no motion from the Board required.


Mr. Thomas directed the Board’s attention to the Usage Report – Consumption Report. He then proceeded to give a detailed report of the information contained in the report and answered questions from the Board.

Mr. Thomas indicated that, overall, the Consumption Report looks promising this month.

Philip W. Wagner inquired as to the reason for the year-to-date figures being down in Augusta Township, considering the area is growing considerably. Mr. Thomas responded that there are issues with the meters in Augusta Township that YCUA is currently working to resolve.
Informational only; no motion from the Board required.

M. Director’s Report - Larry R. Thomas

Mr. Thomas advised the Board that there have been issues associated with the sludge-hauling contract. He reminded them that, when the incinerator was shut-down last year, YCUA entered into a contract with Republic Services, the landfill owner in Sumpter Township, to receive the sludge generated during the construction of the replacement incinerator. Mr. Thomas indicated that, about six weeks ago, Wayne County Department of Air Quality changed the regulations regarding the tarping of vehicles entering the Sumpter Township landfill.

He stated that our hauler, Disposal Management, couldn’t meet those new requirements, so they were instructed to haul the sludge to Onyx Landfill in Salem Township, with whom YCUA has a secondary disposal agreement. Mr. Thomas advised that the move required Disposal Management to increase their fees due to the longer distance. Mr. Thomas indicated that Mr. Jessee has been working diligently to resolve the issues.

Mr. Jessee advised the Board that, when Wayne County changed its ordinance requiring all vehicles hauling sludge into the county be tarped in order to allow for no emission of odors, YCUA staff began calling every trucking company that they could think of but that none could be secured for various reasons. Mr. Doe suggested he try My Way Trucking. Mr. Jessee responded that he would follow up on the suggestion.

J. Ray Scott asked where the Authority stands legally. Thomas E. Daniels responded that YCUA has waived no rights under the contract at this point in time.

Mr. Thomas advised the Board that the RFP for the organization survey has been delayed due to vacation schedules making it difficult for the Personnel Committee to meet. He indicated that a recommendation will be available at the August Board meeting.

Mr. Thomas also advised the Board that he recently received a call from an individual who has started a company called Ypsilanti Underwear, requesting permission to use an image of the stone water tower on a T-shirt. He indicated that he conferred with counsel, who advised that YCUA’s permission is not needed.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

N. Request to Approve – Award of Bid for Engineering Services re: Bridge Road Demolition Project – T. Michael Jessee
Motion by Scott to remove this item from table. Support by Wagner. In favor: All. Opposed: None. (Motion carried)

Mr. Jessee reminded the Board that this item was tabled at the May meeting because the Ypsilanti Township Board requested time to investigate possibilities for reuse of the building. He indicated that, at the Ypsilanti Township Board Meeting on July 19th, the Township Board moved that they would not accept the building in its present condition. Mr. Jessee also explained that YCUA is in a position to begin our demolition activities on the property. He pointed out that the Bridge Road facility is an attractive nuisance. Mr. Jessee explained that Meadowbrook Insurance Company, YCUA’s general liability insurance provider, has been recommending for years the demolition of this facility due to the possibility of trespassers being injured on our grounds.

He further advised that RFPs for engineering services were prepared, advertised, and opened in May in compliance with our bidding procedures and three submittals were received. He indicated that bids were opened on May 12, 2005, with the lowest bid coming from Ayres, Lewis, Norris, and May in the amount of $78,985. Mr. Jessee stated that this is a budgeted item.

Mr. Jessee recommended approval of the Bridge Road demolition project engineering services contract to from Ayres, Lewis, Norris, and May in the amount of $78,985.

Larry R. Thomas interjected that he was contacted earlier in the day by Ruth Ann Jamnick, Supervisor of Ypsilanti Township, who indicated some possible interest in the reuse of that building. He stated that he supports any possibility of reuse since it is in the best interest of YCUA to sell the building if someone can make use of it. Mr. Thomas stated that those options can continue to be explored while the recommended engineering work is being done, particularly since he is fairly certain that the Authority will want to demolish the storage tanks in any event. He added that the bidding documents will be worked to include any portions of the project the Authority deems necessary at the time.

Philip W. Wagner inquired as to how long the engineering phase would take. Mr. Jessee responded that it should take six to eight weeks.

Philip W. Wagner pointed out an omission in the memo from Scott D. Westover and requested if Mr. Jessee knew what was intended to be included. Mr. Jessee responded that he did not prepare the memo and did not know. Mr. Wagner entertained re-tabling the item pending the
presentation of a completed memo from Scott D. Westover. J. Ray Scott concurred.

Motion by Scott to re-table this item. Support by Wagner. In favor: All. Opposed: None. (Motion carried)

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

O. Request to Approve – Purchase of Snow Road Property - Larry R. Thomas

Mr. Thomas reminded the Board that, several months ago, an attempt was made to purchase the property south of the Snow Road pumping station. He indicated that the property is owned by three individuals and was in the process of being repossessed for non-payment of taxes. Mr. Thomas advised that YCUA contacted the individuals in an attempt to purchase the property for what was owed on the taxes. He indicated that two of the individuals agreed and signed off on the property but one did not and wanted additional compensation. Mr. Thomas stated that, while negotiations were underway with the third party, Ypsilanti Township was successful in repossessing the property. He indicated that the Township was agreed to sell the property to YCUA for the amount now due in taxes and applicable penalties. He stated that this new amount of $9,855.00 requires additional Board action.

Mr. Thomas recommended approval of the purchase of the Snow Road Property in the amount of $9,855.00 along with any possible incidental necessary fees, contingent upon completion of environmental assessment, attorney approval, and the granting of an easement to Ypsilanti Township for the purpose of a future 10-foot bike path.

Thomas E. Daniels interjected, specifying the incidental fees to include potential recording fees, ongoing interest charges from the county, and a small sum relative to a possible third-party tax deed that may need to be paid. He added that the “incidental necessary fees” should total no more than $1,000.

Ruth Ann Jamnick commented that there is indeed desire from the Ypsilanti Township Park Commission to have some assurance that there will be access to the property in the future. She thanked the YCUA Board for their efforts in that regard.

Motion by Wagner to approve the purchase of the Snow Road Property in the amount of $9,855.00 along with any possible incidental necessary fees, contingent upon completion of environmental assessment, attorney approval, and the granting of an easement to Ypsilanti Township for the
purpose of a 10-foot future bike path. Support by Scott. In favor: All. Opposed: None. (Motion carried)

P. First Avenue Sanitary Leads Replacement – T. Michael Jessee

Mr. Thomas advised the Board that, recently, there were emergency repairs made to three sewer leads on First Avenue, which is a project that is currently underway in the City.

T. Michael Jessee interjected that the paving portion of the project us to begin next week and that is the reason for the need to implement the repairs.

Mr. Jessee recommended approval of the contact with SBG for completion of the First Avenue Sanitary Leads Emergency Replacement project in the amount of $20,000.

Motion by Wagner to approve the contact with SBG for completion of the First Avenue Sanitary Leads Emergency Replacement project in the amount of $20,000. Support by Scott. In favor: All. Opposed: None. (Motion carried)

6. STATEMENTS AND CHECKS: Motion by Doe to pay the bills in the amount of $2,315,853.98 plus an addendum in the amount of $1,120,674.18. Support by Scott. In favor: All. Opposed: None. (Motion carried.)

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

YCUA employee Tim Stachleweitz commented that the acoustics in the new Board room are bad, making it difficult for attendees to hear the proceedings. Larry R. Thomas responded management is aware of the problem and that a wireless public address system is in the budget for next year.

Philip W. Wagner commented that it feels as though the air conditioning isn’t adequate due to the high humidity in the Board room. T. Michael Jessee responded, commenting that staff is addressing that issue with Tetra Tech and the heating and cooling contractor for the project.

Ruth Ann Jamnick, 7776 Lake Crest Drive, addressed the Board regarding the Bridge Road water plant demolition. She indicated her strong support for the potential reuse of the building and confirmed that there is an interested party at the present time, including a possible microbrewery, which would make use of the storage tanks as well. Ms. Jamnick commented that there was only a slim majority of the Township Board that supported moving forward with the demolition. She stated that the Bridge Road water plant is part of the area’s history and YCUA’s history, having been built by Henry Ford.
Ms. Jamnick cited responsibility for the plant becoming an eyesore on past and present YCUA Board’s for not demanding that the property be properly maintained. She advised that the front lawn is never mowed and there are weeds growing on the grounds. Ms. Jamnick added that she was able to tour the facilities and recommended that the YCUA Board members do the same in order to fully visualize the possibilities. She added that there are historic preservation tax available for the reuse of the building.

Ms. Jamnick also advised that during her tour, she was able to glean that the building is structurally sound and contains a wealth of historic documents and equipment. She indicated her willingness to actively participate in any discussions relating to the reuse of the property on Bridge Road.

Philip W. Wagner indicated that he agrees with Ms. Jamnick and indicated that Ypsilanti Township has had a habit of throwing away its history. He supported the idea of the YCUA Board touring the building and reassessing the situation with historical implications in mind but added that it is important to move forward and not allow the nuisance to continue.

Larry J. Doe interjected, suggesting that supporters of the reuse option contact the Henry Ford Museum and also the Ypsilanti Township historical groups to examine the records in the building to determine if they are worth saving. He also requested that some minimal maintenance work be done to the grounds to improve the appearance, such as mowing and trimming the weeds.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Wagner to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Support by Scott. In favor; All. Opposed: None. (Motion carried)

Respectfully submitted,

MARK NAMATEVS, Secretary/Treasurer