

Tower Breitung Wastewater Board
Regular Meeting
July 13, 2021
Tuesday @ 11:00 A.M.
Tower Civic Center

The Regular Meeting of the Tower Breitung Wastewater Board was called to order at 11:00 A.M. by Greg Dostert.

Present: Dostert, Majerle, Tomsich, Setterberg.

Also Present: Terri S. Joki-Martin, Matt Tuchel, Lee Peterson.

Dostert added propane bids to the agenda under New Business 9.1

Motion made by Setterberg and supported by Majerle to accept the amended agenda. All yes, motion carried.

Motion made by Tomsich and supported by Setterberg to accept the minutes from the June 9, 2021 meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Public Input – None

Correspondences – None

Treasurer's Report – Matt questioned codes 101-34030 and 104-34030 on the Revenue Guideline w/last year Banyon Report. Terri will review it and make necessary corrections if needed.

Motion made by Majerle and supported by Setterberg to accept the Treasurer's Report (June 2021) as presented. All yes, motion carried.

Maintenance Report – Matt was not able to obtain a 2nd discharge by June 30. This will take place in September or October. PACE laboratory turn-around-time for samples is taking up to 9 days. Matti will be contacting RMB out of Hibbing to inquire on their cost/turn-around-time for processing water samples. TEDA was contacted multiple times/ways, with no response, in the matter involving lack of capacity for wastewater. The EPA chose the TBWW to participate in an Infrastructure Need Survey. Matt will be meeting with them on Wednesday, July 14. There have been concerns in the community in reference to water quality issues as residences water has been discolored. This is due to the drought conditions and increased water demand. An ad will be placed in the local papers stating this. At this time, there is not a concern about water supply. Motion made by Tomsich and supported by Setterberg to accept the Maintenance Report as presented. All yes, motion carried.

Vermilion Solar Energy – Matt is waiting to hear back from Mia Thibodeau from Fryberger Law Firm.

2022 Revenue Budget – The Water Rate will be raised in 2022. The 2022 Revenue Budget Draft will be presented at the August meeting.

Wastewater Force Main Project Funding/Update Grant Status – Matt met with John Jamnick. A submittal of 1.1 million was sent to the Tina Smith office for Congressional Direct Spending.

Water Plant/Water Main Funding – The City of Tower has submitted a 2022 Bonding Bill request for 1.75 million.

Propane Bids – A letter will be mailed to Edwards Oil, Como, and Lakes Gas for 2021-2022 propane bids. Approximate use is 6,000 gallons. The TBWWB owns 1 tank.

Motion made by Tomsich and supported by Setterberg to pay all bills. All yes, motion carried

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 11 A.M. at the Tower Civic Center.

Motion made by Setterberg to adjourn. All yes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri S. Joki-Martin, Secretary