



News from Public Works Board, Water Policy Board, Municipal Wastewater Committee, and Staff Meetings

- ✚ The Board approved an inspection contractor for the Muskegon Township water tank near Northway Lanes.
- ✚ The Board gave Wastewater staff permission to bid the sale of a spare farm combine and requested that staff look into specifying a minimum bid.
- ✚ The replacement of about 400 feet of 36-inch PCCP near Lift Station C was added by addendum to the new C Station contractor's work.
- ✚ Another addendum to the Phase II Collection System work was to add a manhole to tie in the City's 42-inch arch pipe where their water main was in conflict with the originally designed construction.
- ✚ An agreement was accepted for the Wastewater System to take over operation and maintenance of the Montague Main sewage lift station. This will be accomplished as soon as the System's telemetry is installed (also approved at this Board meeting).
- ✚ The construction engineering was approved for the Solid Waste cap and well work. The bids on this project were just received this week.
- ✚ The Board approved the low bid on the Household Hazardous Waste disposal contract.
- ✚ An amended sewer easement for the old Whitehall property was passed. It now includes a provision for a small lift station on Silver Creek Road.
- ✚ A further resolution was passed on the \$10M water bond sale.
- ✚ A public hearing was held mid-month regarding the replacement of the 66-inch force main. Comments and concerns were received from a group of Egelston Township residents that live near Wolf Lake regarding this pipeline passing through the Wolf Lake headwater springs under Hall Road east of Wolf Lake Road.
- ✚ A resolution was passed in special session regarding the public hearing as mandated by the State Revolving Fund loan program. We are still in line to receive a low-interest loan in the fourth quarter of this year for the Muskegon Township segment of this work and for a first quarter 2009 SRF loan for the second segment.
- ✚ Wireless internet may be broadcast from an antenna tower at Pioneer Park and from the water tower at Michigan's Adventure.
- ✚ All of the County parks are open for daily use now. Pioneer and Meinert Parks will be open May 2nd for overnight camping, and Blue Lake Park will be open for overnight camping about May 15th.
- ✚ Our Wastewater sludge contractor is making good progress on filling the sludge drying beds.
- ✚ Irrigation start-up has been postponed to May 5th in order to allow shipment and installation of the Pump Station #3 piping for the new strainers. Our lagoon levels are low enough to allow this schedule.
- ✚ The critical repairs on the Ruddiman Area Sewer will be out for bid in May.
- ✚ Household Hazardous Waste collection will start in May and run from 1:00-2:30 PM on the 2nd and 4th Fridays each month at 1300 Keating Avenue.
- ✚ Work has begun on the Quarterline Road water project north of Apple with the installation of a temporary water service to the residents.
- ✚ Staff is working on gathering information in Laketon Township that we will need when the Greenridge water and sewer work begins this summer.
- ✚ Wastewater Operations Maintenance has been working in several different areas getting the treatment plant ready for the irrigation season.
- ✚ The System backhoe was used to finish cleaning the Sullivan Station interception ditch and has been moved to the Laketon Station ditch to begin cleaning the sediments there.
- ✚ Bids have been received for a truck air compressor, snow plow, and fuel system with these being readied for the May Public Works Board meeting.
- ✚ The GPS tractor guidance systems are working well. We are almost done planting alfalfa and soybeans.
- ✚ Staff has met with the Pheasants Forever group regarding their habitat development.
- ✚ Much utility work is being done the County Business Park North. The water lines are being flushed, the old fencing is being removed, work is starting on natural gas installation, an agreement has been reached on the electrical service, paving work will be done soon, and phone work will also begin shortly.
- ✚ Our hauled waste volume is going through its seasonal upswing, increasing to as much as 150,000 gallons per day. Our average for April is 85,000 gallons per day so far, about 10% less than last year at this time.
- ✚ The new Wastewater computer server is working well so far.
- ✚ The block walls at the new Lift Station C have been laid, backfilling efforts around the station are nearly complete, and the contractor has begun to remove the sheet piling.
- ✚ Plans are being made to demo the old Lift Station D next year once bypass pump and generator capabilities are installed.
- ✚ The White Road paving work will likely be done in September.
- ✚ The last accounting submittal was made on the Phase I Collection System loan. We spent \$43,000 more than was anticipated on the \$17.5M bond, so the project was within 0.2% of what was planned.
- ✚ Some landscape work is being done on the MacArthur Road properties damaged by the March 2007 break.



The rebuilt Sullivan Station trash rakes were installed this week



Access pit on Quarterline for installing the water main lining

Personnel

Please continue to pray for **Brian Bates** as he continues experimental chemotherapy. His most recent test results have been encouraging. **Carl Parrish** remains off at least until the end of the month, recovering from knee surgery. Please pray for **Ron Colgrove** who has been out for over a month now with an as-yet undiagnosed digestive system illness. He will be out at least until the middle of May. Our condolences go to the families of **Ken Scarth** and **Forrest McCauley** who both lost their fathers-in-law this period and to **Brenda Glass** who lost her mother this week. Thank you to **Corey Burmeister** and **Randy Cole** who have been assisting in training our new irrigation rig technicians.



New C Station pumps and piping



New C Station block wall done, backfill progress, and pulling the sheet piling



Drilling alfalfa using GPS steering



Natural gas lines being installed at our Business Park North



Debris from the latest Laketon Station beaver dam was pulled out this week



New header pipe for Pump Station #3 to allow room for strainers



Sludge being pumped out to one of our drying beds at the Wastewater Plant