



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

- ✚ The Public Works Board approved a gas meter replacement for Solid Waste.
- ✚ The Board also approved the engineer to design a leachate station for Solid Waste.
- ✚ Change Order #1 for the D Station pump replacement was approved.
- ✚ The bid process was waived for the purchase of alfalfa, corn, and soybean seed for the Wastewater System in FY2011.
- ✚ The bid was awarded on the Rapid Infiltration System electric control project.
- ✚ Permission was given to staff to bid fuel, Bioxide, and Ferric Chloride for FY2011.
- ✚ A contractor was hired to furnish and install fixed wind equipment on two large towers near the Wastewater System to calibrate the SODAR unit.
- ✚ The contract was awarded for a consultant to assist staff in writing a Request for Qualifications for a wind developer at the Wastewater Plant.
- ✚ A spending authority policy was passed for the Public Works Director, and a contract signing authority policy was passed for the Public Works Board Chairman.
- ✚ Solid Waste is still receiving a considerable amount of contaminated soils from the Muskegon Lake shoreline project.
- ✚ Staff is putting up "No Trespassing" signs on our Wastewater property north of Mosquito Creek for the first time.
- ✚ Public Works employees should get their United Way forms in to Steve by this Friday.
- ✚ Our hauled waste volume picked up during the first part of October, but wastewater flows are at record lows.
- ✚ Rob reported at the staff meeting that he recently has replaced 125 water meters with only two dog bites (is that good?). Along with this program is the associated problem of what to do with the old meters.
- ✚ The soybean harvest was done in September, and the yield was about 50 bushels per acre, slightly under our record. Corn harvest was completed yesterday and was a record yield by over 20% at 171 bushels per acre.
- ✚ Our Wastewater Heavy Equipment Operator moved the breakwater in the East Storage Lagoon so that now it just adds to the thickness of the rip rap. This should prevent the algae odor problem in that lagoon that we experienced the last few years.
- ✚ New slag shoulder material was added to White Road this period.
- ✚ The generator for L Station will be converted to natural gas this week and hopefully be put into operation soon.
- ✚ On the treatment site station project, Laketon Station is just down to a punch list of items. A used antenna from our Giles Road Water Station will be used at Laketon Station to improve communication with the station. Training is being done this week at Sullivan Station and we hope to have it operational this week as well.
- ✚ Operations Maintenance and Operations staff have been working on post-irrigation shut-down work at the irrigation stations this month.
- ✚ Waterfowl and archery deer hunting have begun. A few problems have resulted in permit revocations and the removal of an abandoned deer stand.
- ✚ Operations Maintenance staff did a great job of moving a 12-inch pump and its suction piping around in Cell #2 to remove the water off of the sludge layer for the contractor to work on piping from the 60-inch main line this week.
- ✚ Our Parks staff is winterizing park systems and changing from lawn mowers to leaf blowers.
- ✚ Sand blasting of the inside of the Fruitport Water Tank should be completed this week ahead of painting.
- ✚ The drywall work at the Hall of Justice 2nd Floor continues, and Honeywell is starting on the Brookhaven windows this week as part of the county-wide energy project.



Drywall work at HOJ 2nd Floor



Harvesting a record corn crop at the Wastewater System



Removing the East Lagoon break water



Loading wagons with soybeans in late September



Pumping the water off the sludge in Cell #2



Kamryn Jane and Grandma Susan

PERSONNEL

Please pray for **Ellen Pallasch** who had gall bladder and hernia repair surgery last week, **Bob Harrington** who is off for back surgery, and continue to pray for **Ruby Moore** who is going for tests at Cleveland Clinic soon. **Paul Rolewicz** is back to work and is recovering slowly. **Bob Kunnen** fell and twisted his ankle, but hopefully will be back to work next week. **Dawn DeVowe** continues to do well after her surgery and should get the wrap off her hand soon. Our condolences go out to the family of **Mark Gatrell** on the loss of his father. Congratulations to **Greg Leverage** and **Dave Johnson** on 5 years of service this month. Congratulations to **Corey** and **Sue Burmeister** on the birth of their granddaughter, Kamryn Jane (7 pounds, 2 ounces and 20.5 inches), September 29th. Congratulations to **Randy Young** who is retiring November 12th and we thank him for filling in on the farm when needed this harvest. Congratulations to **Vivek Singh** who was ranked as the #1 table tennis player in the West Michigan area for a few weeks in September. Thanks to all of our farm personnel for their hard work this year in achieving a record corn crop!



Humidity control was maintained on the inside of the Fruitport Water Tank while the contractor was doing sand blasting

We just got word that **Brian Bates** was taken to the hospital this morning by medical personnel, so pray for him and his family. Brian has battled cancer for many years and has kept a great attitude through many experimental drugs, operations, and treatments.