

# **Rochester Hills**

**Minutes - Final** 

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# Water System Advisory Council

Ryan Garvey, Greg Hooper, Philip Hurst, Zef Ivanaj and John Paille Staff Members: Tracey Balint and Leon Luedeman Council Members: Jason Carlock, Carol Morlan, David Walker Youth Representatives: Aaron Yoon and Jackson Otlewski

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Snyder called the Water System Advisory Council meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

### **ROLL CALL**

- Present 6 Ryan Garvey, Greg Hooper, Philip Hurst, Jason Carlock, Carol Morlan, and David Walker
- Absent 2 Zef Ivanaj and Don Paille

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2024-0223 Approval of May 3, 2023 WSAC Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Hooper, seconded by Ms. Morlan, that the Meeting Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Approved

- Aye 6 Garvey, Hooper, Hurst, Carlock, Morlan, and Walker
- Absent 2 Ivanaj and Paille

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### 2024-0226 Water System Advisory Council Matters

Tracey Balint and Leon Luedeman discussed the background on the requirement for the Water System Advisory Council, the City's water supply system, recent accomplishments made by the Department of Public Services Water and Sewer Department, and upcoming water main projects.

Department of Public Services submitted the annual cross connection and annual pumpage report to EGLE in March of 2024.

Discussed 2023 Lead and Copper Monitoring Report. Annual Lead and Copper sampling will be performed in July/August at a required 30 residential locations.

Tracey Balint updated the Council on the City's Drinking Water Asset Management Grant from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). This grant assists the City in meeting the requirements set forth by the State of Michigan's Safe Drinking Water Act (MI-SDWA) to develop a Complete Distribution System materials Inventory (CDSMI) by January 1, 2025.

#### 2024-0225 Water System Advisory Council Upcoming Rate Year Discussion

*Mr.* Snyder reviewed the financial condition of the City's Water and Sewer Fund as the most recently audited year end. He also discussed items that will impact future Water and Sewer rates including the Water and Sewer System's operating gain or (loss) from the prior rate year, anticipated rate changes from the City's Water and Sanitary Sewer Treatment providers, estimates of the volume of water sold or sanitary sewage treated, and the services requirement.

New debt service starting in 2025 for CRWRRF electrical upgrades to sanitary sewer linings.

*Mr.* Snyder presented the WSAC with three (3) different rate setting options to consider for the upcoming rate year. The Council voted in favor of option 3, to adjust rates to smooth the rate over a 4 year period.

Aye 6 - Garvey, Hooper, Hurst, Paille, Carlock, Morlan, and Walker

Absent 2 - Ivanaj and Paille

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Lawsuit regarding excessive funds in the water and sewer fund has been dismissed and is officially over.

#### NEXT MEETING DATE

May 7, 2025 - tentative

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Anyone planning to attend the meeting who has need of special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is asked to contact the Clerk's Office at 248-841-2460 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.