

The HBPW Board of Directors met **Monday, March 22, 2010** at 4:00 p.m.
 in the Service Center Board Room
 625 Hastings Ave
 Holland, Michigan

Chair Jim Storey called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Diane Haworth, Tim Hemingway, Jim Storey, and City Council Liaison: Bob Vande Vusse and Ex Officio Member Soren Wolff

Members Absent: Rich Cook and Paul Elzinga

Staff Present: Loren Howard, Dan Nally, Ellen Taub, John Van Uffelen, Freda Velzen; and Loralyn Bunce

10.044 **Communications from the Audience**

There were no communications from the audience.

10.045 **Holland – Google Fiber Resolution**

On February 10th, 2010, Google announced plans “to build and test ultra high-speed broadband networks in a small number of trial locations across the United States,” delivering Internet “more than 100 times faster than what most Americans have access to today.” Google plans to offer the service to between 50,000 and 500,000 people nationwide. Through this project, Google is trying to (1) encourage application developers to create new bandwidth-intensive applications, (2) test new ways to deploy fiber, and (3) create an “open-access” network giving users the choice of multiple service providers.

The Holland Board of Public Works (HBPW) staff believes that Google’s *Fiber to Communities* initiative is a strong fit with the current direction that the HBPW Broadband utility is moving. Discussions with staff in the Governor’s office, that have been in contact with Google, have expressed Google’s strong request for a single point of contact to quickly expedite decisions and impediments to deployment of the project.

The Board of Directors approved the resolution to appoint the Holland Board of Public Works (HBPW) General Manager as the point of contact and decision maker with regards to any joint fiber distribution venture between the HBPW and Google.

Motion to approve the resolution	<i>Hemingway</i>
Second	<i>Haworth</i>
Favor	<i>3</i>
Oppose	<i>0</i>

10.046 **Water and Sewer Agreements between City of Holland and Fillmore Township**

The Water Agreement is an agreement to provide retail water service to Fillmore Township properties in a service territory in the north part of the Township along Blue Star Highway both north and south of Interstate 196. The term of the agreement is twenty years, which can be extended in five year increments with the consent of both parties. The terms of the agreement are similar to those of existing retail water agreements with Park, Laketown, and Holland Townships. Retail service is provided at the same rates and the township customers will be provided the same level of service that is provided to all Holland Board of Public Works (HBPW) retail water customers.

The agreement limits the capacity of Township connections to that which can be served with a 2” meter, unless a greater capacity is agreed to by the City. The agreement establishes terms for

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payment of assessments and trunkages to the City, should township properties connect to water mains installed and financed by the City.

The Sewer Agreement establishes reimbursement terms for several sewer projects that were constructed and funded by the HBPW that are available for connection and extension by Fillmore Township properties. The reimbursements will occur as township properties connect and will continue until the Township portions are paid in full. The amounts due will increase annually by the construction cost index.

The sewer projects include the following:

1. Sanitary sewer from 64th Street to 143rd Street and running along 143rd Street to west of Blue Star highway. The amount allocated to the Township is \$188,254 based on a calculated acreage benefit.
2. Rolling Meadows lift station and force main located southeast of the 48th Street and Ottawa Avenue. The portion of the cost of this project allocated the Fillmore Township is \$202,526.
3. Sewer main in 48th Street /146th Ave running east and west from Ottawa Avenue. The amount paid by the connecting Township property owners to the City shall be \$52,294.

The Board of Directors approved the Water Agreement and Sewer Agreement with Fillmore Township.

Motion to approve agreements
 Second
 Favor
 Oppose

Haworth
Hemingway
 3
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Storey thanked the Holland Board of Public Works staff for their representation, supporting Holland, MI as FiberTown, at the event hosted at New Holland Brewing Company.

The Board of Directors cancelled the April 12, 2010 regular meeting

*The Board of Directors scheduled a special meeting for April 19, 2010 @ *3:30pm*

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting of March 22, 2010 was made by *Hemingway* supported by *Haworth* and agreed upon by the Board of Directors present.

The Board Meeting of March 22, 2010 adjourned at *4:24 p.m.*

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Loralyn A Bunce
Secretary to the Board

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