

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN
ST CLAIR TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024- 6:00 P.M.**

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00pm by Mayor Cedar in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 547 N. Carney Drive, St. Clair, Michigan, 48079 to discuss water infrastructure projects.

PRESENT: Mayor Bill Cedar, Jr., City Council Members Erin Gottler, Mitch Kuffa, Mike LaPorte, Micah Volz, Jon Watt; St. Clair Township Supervisor Mike Boulier, Township Treasurer Robin Hanrahan, Township Clerk Joyce Skonieczny, Trustees Diane Mollan Brenda Boeck, Gary Hovis
ABSENT: Member Paul (excused)

ADMINISTRATION: Quentin Bishop, City Superintendent; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

AUDIENCE: There were 31 people in attendance.

Water Infrastructure projects- Superintendent Bishop presented the history of current water infrastructure projects on the water treatment plant and in the Industrial park, current status of the projects, future action items, funding for these projects and the City & Township financial agreement. Per the 2018 EGLE survey of the water treatment plant, required repairs, improvements and capacity changes of the water treatment plant were documented. From that time on, the City worked towards completing actions needed to increase the EGLE water rating, updated to raw water (shorewell) intake station, installed a new HVAC system and replaced the roof while researching solutions for the remaining action items. The final plans included contracting with Fishbeck for improvement specifications, pursuit of federal, state and local funding and the approval of a multi-million dollar water infrastructure project. Construction is underway on the water treatment plant and shorewell station with an estimated completion date of June 2025. Review of funding for the project, including grants, loans and LDFA tax capture, and city water rate calculations were presented. The City/Township has an evergreen, with a one-year notice from either party to terminate, agreement for water infrastructure capital improvements that are a proportional shared cost. Township Supervisor Boulier confirmed township residents on wells do not share these costs. There are approximately 800 township residents who use city water with an approximate usage of 24% of total water treated. Review of calculations for township invoicing and possible future costs were presented. Discussion included the location of the new proposed water tower in the Industrial Park, the debt service schedule, EGLE review, township rate calculations, the current 425 agreement, sole bidder for the water treatment plant improvement project, how usage will affect rates and possible expansion of the current plant. Monthly meetings between the municipalities will continue for the length of the project.

Public Comment- Comment heard to note the accurate percentage of city water rates increases.

No action taken.

Adjourned 7:35pm