

Austin Lake Governmental Lake Board (ALGLB) Meeting Minutes FINAL 16Aug17

Location: Portage City Hall Council Chambers
(Publically noticed: City of Portage, Kalamazoo County and austinlakeportage.com)

Call to Order: 7:02 pm by Chairman Brian Johnson

Members present: Brian Johnson, Pat Crowley, Scott McGraw, and Jim Pearson, Nasim Ansari. Ten citizens attended.

Approval of June 5, 2017 Minutes: Approve 4-0 Ansari abstained.

Pat Crowley submitted a Treasurer's report stating that the ALGLB has a balance of \$50,814.37 as of August 10, 2017. July 31. The recent expenses were primarily bills for utilities, taxes, fees and mailing costs. Motion by Pearson, seconded McGraw to accept the Treasurer's report. Approved 5-0.

Chairman Johnson introduced the Assessment Roll hearing purpose and then presented the cost analysis. Discussion followed.

John Crago, 9728 East Shore Drive, protested his \$102.14 assessment. He stated that he never got any benefit from the aeration project over the last 5 years, but would go along with continuing a 7 to 1 assessment ratio split between south basin and non-south basin riparians, respectively. He submitted his formal protest in writing during the meeting. Discussion continued about the previous differential assessments.

McGraw pointed out that the Austin Lake Riparian Board recommended the equal assessment for all riparian parcels to the ALGLB. He stated that the ALGLB had two previous public hearings and the majority of riparians in attendance were in favor of equal assessments going forward. Discussion continued.

McGraw motioned to accept the Assessment Roll Resolution for the 3-year project. Seconded by Crowley. Motion passed: 4-0. Ansari abstained.

Chairman Johnson opened the meeting for public comment. CM Dargitz, 8935 Austin Ct., objected to being assessed for this year because the aeration bubblers ran for only a brief period this past spring. Johnson explained that the MDEQ ordered that the aeration system be shut down until a new 5-year permit is granted. The delay in reissuing is due to riparian objections submitted to the MDEQ that needed further analysis. Discussion followed.

Johnson stated that the aeration vendor is willing to renegotiate the 2017 season cost due to the delay in obtaining the MDEQ permit. The aeration project will resume after the MDEQ approves the new application. Discussion followed.
Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm

Submitted by Jim Pearson, ALGLB Secretary