



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

- ✚ The Water Policy and Public Works Boards awarded the bid to provide 23 residential water services in the Laketon Township Greenridge Water Project to the low bidder.
- ✚ The Water Policy and Public Works Boards also awarded the installation of an antenna for the Quarterline Water Pump Station to the low bidder.
- ✚ The Board approved the bidding of two trucks for Public Works divisions.

- ✚ The Board approved hiring our painting consultant to write the specifications, bid, and perform the inspections on painting the Fruitport Township Water Tower.
- ✚ A contract was approved with our local Beagle Club to hold the National Kennel Club field trials on six dates from January through April at the Wastewater System.
- ✚ The Wastewater Management Committee recommended and the Public Works Board gave permission to Wastewater staff to advertise for bids seven flow meters for separate measurement of various portions of the City of Muskegon flow into the System.
- ✚ The Board agreed with staff and rejected the bids for a curtain wall in the Wastewater System Full-Mix Cell #1.
- ✚ The Board approved some liability changes in our contract with Forest Hills Energy regarding the fly ash hill metering tower installation.
- ✚ All First Aid kits and AED batteries were replaced this period in the Wastewater, Solid Waste, and Parks Divisions.
- ✚ The Hauled Waste volume at the System set an October record at 3.42 million gallons.
- ✚ The Hall of Justice renovation project is still in the "moving" stage. The last department to move will apparently be the Register of Deeds. Actual construction work on the second floor is expected to start in April. Construction work at CMH is down to a punch list now.
- ✚ It was reported that the prisoners that have been doing painting in several of our county buildings have been doing a good job.
- ✚ We had our 5-year MDEQ inspection of our county-wide soil erosion program and were given favorable comments.
- ✚ The Wastewater System soybeans yielded a respectable 42-43 bushels per acre considering the weather this year, but well below the record 52 BPA harvested last year. With decent weather in November (finally), our corn crop has finally dried down, and the yields are better than expected so far at over 130 bushels per acre.
- ✚ Bids were taken on our 1984 Steiger Panther and it appears that we will be selling it to a local farmer. On the other hand, there is a lot of sentimental value.....
- ✚ Our Irrigation Technicians have been busy pouring new pivot pads as four of the original from 1973 ones are not in good enough shape to hold the pivot anchors. They are also moving towers for rigs 45 and 52.
- ✚ Fleet Maintenance has continued to rebuild haul and pivot roads with pulverized asphalt and gravel. The asphalt was from recent work associated with the 60-inch pipeline installation.
- ✚ **HOUSEHOLD TIP #54 FOR THE HOLIDAYS:** Make sure that the water is all the way off in all of your sinks, toilets, and showers when going on any holiday trips. Our Water Division reports bills in excess of \$600 in a month from this type of circumstance.
- ✚ Wastewater Operations Maintenance and our mechanical contractor continue to work on the Rapid Infiltration System to get as many beds operational for winter sampling as possible.
- ✚ The 84-inch Parshall Flume main meter was taken out of service this period as part of the construction change-over to use the new 60-inch force main.
- ✚ All of the 8.5 miles of new ductile iron pipe has been installed and has passed the pressure testing. It is still hoped that we will be switched over this week if the hot-tap and bypass work goes as expected. Paving to open up Marquette Avenue to Harvey Street will hopefully be done by early next week. Marquette Avenue over the bridge will still be closed until the restoration from the hot tap is completed.



Combines transferring grain to the wagons during corn harvest



Restrained-joint 60-inch 45-degree-bend pipe used to make the connections up from the pieces bore-and-jacked under US-31



Welcome Jake Butkus, our new Solid Waste Operator



Signature pipe being moved from Lift Station C to Marquette Avenue for installation



Patrick Pastor and Shane Sietsema work on the pivot after pouring a new irrigation rig concrete pad in Field #1



Hot tap to connect 60-inch pipelines at Access Highway west of US-31

PERSONNEL

Congratulations to **Antione Williams** and **Ryan Bean** on 5 and 15 years of service this month. Welcome to **Jake Butkus**, who began this month as our Solid Waste Operator. Please keep the family of **Dave Bonthuis** in your prayers as his dad is in hospice. We also have **Gaylene Strickler**, **Wally Wolting**, and **Dawn DeVowe** scheduled for surgery this month and are praying for their speedy and complete recovery. Congratulations to **Gaylene Strickler** who thinks she will be retiring in January. Thanks so much to **Jason Ogle** for filling in for MDNR personnel during some of the weekend waterfowl hunting dates. Congratulations to **Vivek Singh** in winning the local Holland ping pong monthly tournament in October and playing in a large Midwest tournament in Chicago this month. Congratulations to **Mike Lorentz** on the birth of his first grandchild, Aidan Michael, last weekend and to **Ken Scarth** who was a grandpa again (fifth time) this period with the birth of Kimberly. Thanks to **Fleet Maintenance** for servicing the **Facilities** tractor and to the **Farm** for providing a back blade for it to plow snow this winter.



1984 Steiger Panther