

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

- # The Public Works Board awarded the structural steel work in Cell #1 to East Muskegon Roofing and Sheet Metal.
- # The Board awarded the Grain Center painting work to Quality Maintenance Contractors to sandblast and paint the load-out bins and the four 50,000-bushel bins. Northern Boiler will replace the ladders on the large bins.
- # A Fire Service Agreement renewal with Egelston Township was approved for the Wastewater System. It was also agreed that any of our Public Works divisions purchasing land in Egelston Township would pay the township the same amount of taxes each year as would have been paid by the original owners.
- # Permission was granted to upgrade the telemetry at Lift Station L and purchase a larger tire changer for our Fleet Maintenance division.
- # An extra archery deer season on the Wastewater Site was added for the two weeks during firearms season. Archery turkey hunting will be allowed in the fall for those having public land permits. A youth turkey hunt will be tried for one weekend in April and be administered by a designated state conservation agency. All other hunting and trapping programs will be the same as last year.
- # Permission was given to advertise for bids a bypass pump connection and old station demo at Lift Station D, a culvert replacement at White and Swanson Roads, and the purchase of two irrigation rigs.
- # The Municipal Wastewater Committee passed a motion to recommend to the Public Works Board the same overall Wastewater O&M and Bond rates for FY2009 that we have for FY2008.
- # Our parks caught up a bit on revenue in July, but are still about \$1,300 behind last year. August has been busy so far.
- # An old wastewater lift station generator is being retrofitted to operate as backup for Pioneer Park.
- # The Quarterline Road north project is complete, and the work is nearly done south of Apple as well.
- # The County obtained a 4.4% bond interest rate for Laketon Township for their Water and Sewer projects that have just started.
- # Our Public Works staff has been working with the Land Conservancy to finalize the acquisition of critical dune land adjacent to Meinert Park.
- # The Business Park North Purchase Documents were approved by our Community Development Board this month.
- # Lining of segments of the Ruddiman Area Sewer will begin next week.
- # The strainers at Pump Station #3 have had programming and valve actuator issues and are currently being operated manually.
- # We have had some odor issues at C Station due to open manholes from bypass pumping for the yard pipe installation.
- # Stockpiling of the drying bed sludge has begun.
- # Our new NPDES permit for discharge of water at the Muskegon River and to a tributary of Black Creek has, in general, less monitoring except for the Whole Effluent Toxicity at Laketon Station.
- # Our monthly water meter readings are allowing us to catch leaks in the residential water systems much quicker and provide better service to our customers.
- # The new fleet fuel system has been installed and is working well.
- # The Administration Building parking lot was sealed with a thick coating in August.
- # Our row crop maturity at the Wastewater Farm is behind normal for this time of year and is still vulnerable to an early frost.
- # The landfill liner sand cushion has been installed to grade on the area to be capped, and installation of the liner should begin soon.
- # Sun Chemical is still expecting to have their boiler fuel system ready to use our landfill gas by the end of the month. We will be installing a communications tower at the landfill to facilitate this.
- # The final paving was done at our Business Park North in early August.
- # Federal, state, and local dignitaries were on hand today to break ground on a \$15M plant expansion at Bayer CropScience.
- # Our hauled waste volume for August has thus far been at a record monthly pace, over 110,000 gallons per day.
- # New phone lines are being installed for telemetry from our Montague Main and Keating Avenue Lift Stations in preparation for County take-over.
- # Wastewater staff is working with County Equalization on our county-wide GPS/GIS project.
- # The annual Fit Testing of respirators is nearly done for all Confined Space Rescue Team members.
- # We are closing out financially with MDEQ on the Phase I Collection System projects.
- # Staff is removing the mist shields from the mixers in Full-Mix Cell #1.
- # The brick work and roof is complete at the new C Station. Installation of doors and windows will be done next to assure security of the building. Electrical work is ongoing, and the large six-foot yard piping installation has begun. Pipe delivery delays will likely postpone the station startup until early December.

Personnel

Please continue to pray for **Ron Colgrove** who will be out seemingly until further notice. Please pray for the family of **Forrest McCauley** as his mother was in a serious car accident this week. Our prayers also go out to the **Brian Bates** family in the passing of his mother-in-law this month. **Dave Kendrick** was a grandpa again this month – Caleb David was born to Colleen and Andy Kraft in Atlanta on August 5th and checked in at 9 pounds 4 ounces and 20.5 inches. Thank you to our IPP Technicians who had a record low 2 industries in Significant Non-Compliance for the second quarter of this year. Thank you to **Max Rutz**, our Wastewater Engineering Aide for the summer. His last day of work is today.



Brickwork done at new C Station



Paving complete at Business Park North



Congressman Hoekstra, State Senator Van Woerkom, and Bayer CropScience Executives break ground for their plant expansion



Wrapping up construction on the Quarterline south water main replacement



Installation of dewatering wells on Laketon Township Water and Sewer project



New strainers at Pump Station #3



Stockpiling drying bed sludge