

MICHIGAMME RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY

279 KLOMAN AVE.

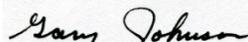
Republic, MI. 49879

Approved minutes of the March 17, 2015 meeting

March 19, 2015

1. Meeting was called to order by the Temp. Chair, Laura M. at 6:00 p.m.
2. A salute to the flag was given.
3. Attendance was noted: Laura M., John J., Noreen M. and Gary J. were in immediate attendance. Chuck H. arrived approximately 10 minutes after the meeting started.
4. Gary J. made the motion, supported by Noreen M., to elect a slate of officers to include, Laura M. as Chair, Noreen M. as Vice Chair, and Gary J. as Secretary. Motion was unanimously carried.
5. Agenda was approved after a motion by Noreen M., supported by John J.
6. Minutes were approved after a motion by John J., supported by Noreen M.
7. Discussion was held on the Treasurer's report. Motion by Chuck H., supported by John J. to accept the Treasurer's report for file. Carried.
8. Under Committee Reports:
Laura reported on the unsuccessful attempts to hold a meeting with the owners of the mine. Gary J. reported on the status of the informal discussion about the dam held with the mine representative, while discussing personal property tax issues.
9. OLD BUSINESS: The Lease Agreement was discussed. Questions were raised about the practice of paying to be allowed to operate the dam, then paying for the operations.
The Chair will send a letter to the owners, asking for information before the lease is signed.
10. NEW BUSINESS: None
11. Public Comment:
Questions were asked, Why is the Township Board working with the mine owners to get in a rail line, when the mine owners aren't taking the township's needs about the dam into consideration? Why is the TIFA paying for a lease on the dam, just to have the Township pay employees operate the dam? Why won't the owners of the mine sit down with the TIFA and either negotiate some kind of agreement, or just say it won't work? There were other questions, but didn't get written down.
12. The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.


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