

**PENNFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 13, 2016**

Supervisor Behnke called the joint meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Battle Creek Holiday Inn conference room. In attendance were the following: City of Springfield, Charter Township of Emmett, Charter Township of Bedford and the following from the Charter Township of Pennfield: Supervisor Behnke, Clerk Case, Treasurer Jackson, Trustees Beard, Damerow, Harris and Skelding. Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Larry Fleis, Engineering Consultant from Fleis & Vandenbrink gave a presentation and led a discussion of a new regional wastewater treatment facility vs. continuing with our present system.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Adoption of Joint Resolution of the Out-city Users of the Battle Creek Area Wastewater Treatment system to examine the cost of a new regional Wastewater Treatment Plant**

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE OUT-CITY USERS OF THE BATTLE CREEK AREA
WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM TO EXAMINE THE COST OF A NEW
REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Emmett Charter Township Res. No. _____

Pennfield Charter Township Res. No. 16-42

Bedford Charter Township Res. No. _____

City of Springfield Res. No. _____

WHEREAS, Emmett Charter Township, Pennfield Charter Township, Bedford Charter Township, and the City of Springfield (the "Out-City Users") entered into an Intergovernmental Wastewater Services Contract with the City of Battle Creek (the "City") on March 20, 1985, pursuant to which the City promised to accept, treat and dispose of wastewater originating from the various jurisdictions and the Out-City Users promised to pay the City for such service, and

WHEREAS, the agreement with the City of Battle Creek has since expired and the City has now proposed replacing the old agreement with a new agreement pursuant to which costs to the Out-City Users are projected to increase from \$2.7 million to \$4.4 million annually over the agreement's five year time span, for a projected 62% increase in cost to the Out-City Users, and

WHEREAS, while the cost to consumers located in the Out-City Users will *increase* under the City's proposal, the City's rates for its own customers will *decrease*, and

WHEREAS, much of the cost of operating and maintaining the existing wastewater treatment system in the Battle Creek area is due to the cost of maintaining an aging sewer system, the oldest portions of which are located within the City of Battle Creek, and

WHEREAS, in light of the above, it is prudent for the Out-City Users to consider the feasibility of other options for providing wastewater collection and treatment services for their residents, and

WHEREAS, the Out-City Users have received a proposal from their engineering consultant, Fleis & Vandenbrink, for a preliminary feasibility study to examine the probable costs associated with the concept of diverting and treating the Out-City Users wastewater to a new regional treatment plant to be owned and operated by the Out-City Users, and

WHEREAS, the legislative bodies of the Out-City Users have participated in a joint meeting to review and consider the Fleis & Vandenbrink proposal and wish to commission Fleis & Vandenbrink to perform a Phase 1 preliminary feasibility study as outlined in the proposal to examine the probable costs associated with the concept of diverting and treating the Out-City Users wastewater to a new regional treatment plant to be jointly owned and operated by Out-City Users including other local units of government who may wish to participate, and

WHEREAS, it appears the fee for said study is eligible for reimbursement under the current SAW program, and further that the costs to each individual unit of government can be diminished by jointly agreeing to commission Fleis & Vandenbrink and to share the costs proportionate to Out-City Users consumption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Out-City Users, individually and collectively, agree to commission Fleis & Vandenbrink to perform a Phase 1 preliminary feasibility study as outlined in the proposal of May 26, 2016, to examine the probable costs associated with the concept of diverting and treating the Out-City Users wastewater to a new regional treatment plant to be jointly owned and operated by Out-City Users.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of said study shall be shared proportionately by the Out-City Users based upon their current consumption of wastewater collection and treatment services to the extent that the cost is not reimbursed by the current SAW program.

Emmett Charter Township

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member _____.

Second offered by Board Member _____.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

“Aye”: _____

“Nay”: _____

Pennfield Charter Township

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member: Trustee Beard

Second offered by Board Member: Trustee Damerow

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

“Aye”: Supervisor Behnke, Clerk Case, Treasurer Jackson, Trustee Beard, Trustee Damerow,
Trustee Harris and Trustee Skelding.

“Nay”: None

Bedford Charter Township

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member _____.

Second offered by Board Member _____.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

“Aye”: _____

“Nay”: _____

City of Springfield

The foregoing resolution offered by Council Member _____.

Second offered by Council Member _____.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

“Aye”: _____

“Nay”: _____

The moderator declared the resolution adopted.

Teresa Myers, Emmett Charter Township Clerk Date: _____

Kathy Case, Pennfield Charter Township Clerk Date: _____

Joyce Feraco, Bedford Charter Township Clerk Date: _____

Kris Vogel, City of Springfield Clerk Date: _____

Vote shows 7 yes, -0- no. **Resolution #16-42 is adopted.**

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Beard and supported by Trustee Skelding to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM. **Motion carried.**

Robert P. Behnke, Jr. – Supervisor

Kathleen R. Case – Clerk

