

**Proposed MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
OF  
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD**

**June 8, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Lovelock at 6:03 pm in the Charter Township of Chesterfield Municipal Offices at 47275 Sugarbush, Chesterfield, MI 48047.

Present: Supervisor Lovelock, Treasurer Hartman  
Trustees: Anderson, Bell, DeMuyneck, Joseph (6:05pm)  
Excused: Clerk Berry  
Also Present: Deputy Clerk Eric Wurmlinger, DPW Superintendent Don Coddington,  
DPW Assistant Superintendent Kevin Johnson, Finance Director Vicki  
Bauer, Deputy Treasurer Ellen Clark, AEW Executive Vice President  
Gordon Wilson, AEW Engineer Kyle Siedel

Supervisor Lovelock introduced the item to be discussed and stated that the establishment of water and sewer rates to the residents for 2016 would be very difficult. Communities are waiting for final word from the newly created Regional Water Authority.

Kyle Siedel started his presentation by pointing out that before a commodities cost is determined there are fixed costs for both water and sewer that are charged to each municipality in the system. The Detroit Water and Sewer Department (DWSD) assigns these rates, 60% for water and 100% for sewer, as a percentage of the total usage. Chesterfield Township also attaches a percentage. Currently AEW is offering 3 options for the board to consider when establishing our rates:

- Maintain current fixed fee percentage (11% for water and 7% for sewer).
- Progressive Increase (26% for water and 42% for sewer)
- 2 year recovery increase (16% for water and 19% for sewer)

The board discussed these options and also discussed using the DPW's projected fund balance.

The biggest dilemmas are how the rates are determined by the DWSD and the high percentage associated with their fixed cost.

Motion by Lovelock, supported by DeMuyneck to adjourn at 8:10 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ayes: All

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Cindy Berry, Clerk

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Michael Lovelock, Supervisor

Proposed Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of June 8, 2015