

MINUTES
LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
AUGUST 23, 2017

The August 23, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Lower Swatara Township Municipal Authority was called to order at 7:00 P.M by Vice Chairman John Weikle. Vice Chairman Weikle called for the pledge of allegiance. The record indicated the following officials in attendance:

- John Weikle, Vice Chairman
- Chester Hartz, Secretary
- Scott Spangler
- Peter Henninger, Solicitor
- Frank Lynch, Interim Township Manager
- Josh Fox, Engineer
- Tracey Bechtel, Recording Secretary

Absent: Richard Wilkinson, Chairman and Dan Magaro, Treasurer

Residents and visitors in attendance:

Lester Lanman (LSTMA)
Ron Paul (Richard Avenue)
Todd Truntz, (LST Commissioner)

Public Comments: None

Solicitor Henninger welcomed interim Township Manger Frank Lynch.

A motion was made by Mr. Hartz seconded by Mr. Spangler to approve the July 26, 2017 Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Spangler seconded by Mr. Hartz to approve O & M Agreement (SWM BMPs) – DPIF PA 2 Middletown, LLC. The motion was unanimously approved.

Engineer's Report: Mr. Fox distributed the monthly written report.

Suez Middletown 2017 Projected Operations Costs: HRG have reviewed the information provided by Suez and provided the Authority's Solicitor with a few comments and concerns as it relates to costs that appear to be directly related to the customer service center, billing, and the concessionaire. Solicitor Henninger informed the Board that he will be sending a letter to Suez on Friday in regards to the past years comparisons.

Sanitary Sewer Rate Study: Mr. Russ McIntosh, Vice President, HRG gave a verbal presentation on the prepared three scenarios to show the effect on user rate increases. Essentially, these are:

- Option A – Borrow all the money needed to fund the estimated cost of the projects less the expected tapping fee revenue. The reserve funds would be used as working capital and to cover any contingencies
- Option B – Borrow only a portion of the expected costs of the capital projects to cover the first three years and use reserve funds to fund projects in 2020-2022. As an alternative, an additional borrowing may be desirable if the project costs are higher than expected or to reimburse the reserve fund.
- Option C – Use the reserve funds first and borrow in 2020.

Land Development Projects Update:

The Pond at Fulling Mill (Retirement Community) – A preconstruction conference was held on August 14, 2017 to review the Authority’s requirements for sanitary sewer installation. RL Livingston, the selected site/utility contractor, is currently proposing to start work on September 5.

Enterprise Pre-Delivery Inspection Center – All comments related to the proposed sanitary sewer facilities have been addressed and the Authority Manager has executed the planning module exemption letter. HRG is currently reviewing the financial security estimate.

Phoenix Contact LCA Expansion – HRG have completed review of the land development plan and have provided comments to the Township on July 24, 2017.

UPS Northeast Hub – HRG and the Authority Manager met with the Developer’s Engineer on August 3, 2017 to review sanitary sewer requirements and existing facilities. HRG provided the Authority’s Standard Specifications and Details at that time as well as discussed the requirements for upgrading the North Union Street Pump Station in accordance with the Authority’s Capital Improvement Plan. The Developer’s Engineers are going to evaluate several alternatives including by-passing the North Union Street Pump Station by gravity along Swatara Creek prior to making a planning submission.

Solicitor’s Report: No Report.

M.A. Manager’s Report: Mr. Lanman reported the Lumber Street Project has started. Earth moving and pipe going into the ground September 1.

Mr. Lanman mentioned he is working with Josh from HRG updating the Spec Book he will be coming before the Board for that recommendation by the end of the year.

Staff will be meeting at the end of the week on the preliminary budget numbers.

Mr. Lanman reported that Kline’s Wet Well came in and had all wet wells at all the pump stations except for Farr’s cleaned.

Township Manger's Report: Mr. Lynch noted one of the first things he was involved in was going out to the property on Evergreen Drive that involved storm sewer issues. The property owner's back yard was a swamp but one culvert nearby was dry one on the other side was wet. Suez had been to the property twice beforehand they could not find anything. In the meantime the Township was trying to get approval with Peter's consent to put a camera down to try to see what the problem was. Suez returned for the third time finding a break in one of their water lines. Mr. Lynch expressed his appreciation for the effort the Township employees put forth trying to figure out what the problem was.

A motion was made by Mr. Hartz seconded by Mr. Spangler to approve August expenses in the amount of \$144,394.77. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Hartz seconded by Mr. Spangler to adjourn the meeting and convene into executive session. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:34 P.M.

ATTEST:

Tracey Bechtel, Recording Secretary