

MINUTES  
**LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**  
**FEBRUARY 25, 2019**

The February 25, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Lower Swatara Township Municipal Authority was called to order at 7:00 P.M by Vice Chairman Magaro. Vice Chairman Magaro called for the pledge of allegiance. The record indicated the following officials in attendance:

- Daniel Magaro, Vice Chairman
- Chester Hartz, Secretary
- Scott Spangler, Treasurer
- Frank Popp
- Peter Henninger, Solicitor
- Elizabeth McBride, Township Manager
- Josh Fox, Engineer
- Tracey Bechtel, Recording Secretary

Absent: Richard Wilkinson, Chairman

Residents and visitors in attendance:

Justin Bates, (HRG)  
Lester Lanman (LSTMA Manager)  
Todd Truntz, (LST Commissioner)  
Ron Paul (LST Commissioner)

**Public comments:** None

A motion was made by Mr. Popp seconded by Mr. Hartz to approve the January 28, 2019 Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Popp seconded by Mr. Hartz to approve the Tim Clouser-Buddy's Run – Security Agreement for construction and installation of sanitary sewer improvements in the amount of \$89,995.13. Mr. Spangler noted that he will abstain from voting, since he is related to Mr. Clouser. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Spangler seconded by Mr. Popp to approve the O&M Agreement (SWM BMP's) – Conewago Contractors, Inc., Stoneridge Lot 1, 1300 AIP Drive. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Spangler seconded by Mr. Hartz to approve Conewago Contractors, Inc.- Stoneridge Lot 1, 1300 AIP Drive – Security Agreement for construction and installation of sanitary sewer improvements in the amount of \$11,814.00. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Engineer’s Report:** Mr. Fox distributed the monthly written report. Mr. Fox introduced Mr. Justin Bates to the Board. Mr. Bates has done a lot of inspection work on various development projects, he also has been leading the construction administration effort for the annual rehabilitation contract and he will also be involved with the inspections for the on-lot systems as part of the Act 537 Plan.

**2018 Proposed Capital Improvement Projects –** Contract 18-1: Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation: Mr. Rehab, Inc. completed the installation of the cured-in-place pipe lining on February 14, 2019. A work change directive was issued to remove approximately 11 linear feet of lining between manhole R1A and the Hanover Meter Pit due to difficulties with fitting the liner through the Hanover Meter Pit. The 11 linear feet of cast iron pipe will be replaced during the replacement of the Hanover Meter Pit which is anticipated to be bid later in 2019. HRG will conduct a substantial completion walkthrough with Mr. Rehab, Inc. and Authority personnel.

SWERP, Inc. (SWERP) is tentatively scheduled to complete the work for the Meter Chamber Rehabilitation for Airport Drive in April 2019. There has been a delay due to weather and workload.

**Act 537 Planning –** HRG has begun the planning effort for the first chapters of the Plan. We will be preparing to send out the OLDS inspection letters in March for completion of the physical inspections for the Spring 2019.

**Land Development Projects Update:**

***The Pond at Fulling Mill (Retirement Community)*** – Phase 1 – Record drawings have been submitted. MH vacuum testing remains to be completed. The developer has agreed to a cost share approach for the replacement of Manhole TW2 whereas the Authority obtains the polymer concrete insert and the Contractor for the development installs the insert at no cost to the Authority.

Phase II – No update to report. HRG has provided additional comments and we are awaiting resubmission of a revised land development plan to address all remaining comments. We completed review of the financial security and recommended that the financial security be established in the amount of \$285,346.60 for the sanitary sewer facilities for this phase.

***Enterprise Pre-Delivery Inspection Center*** – The manhole infiltration dish has been installed and a recommendation letter to reduce the improvement guarantee was previously submitted.

***Phoenix Contact LCA Expansion*** – No correspondence was received over the past month.

***UPS Northeast Hub*** – HRG notified Snyder, Secary, and Associates (Developer’s Engineer) that the Authority approved proceeding with Option 2 which relocates the pump station site to the Noah Kreider property near the bridge for the stream crossing on North Union Street. No additional information has been submitted for review.

**Hershey Creamery Expansion** – HRG is working with Manager Lanman on some preliminary planning module information that has been submitted.

**William's Manor** – No correspondence was received over the past month.

**Buddy's Run Subdivision** – The developer has performed the capping of the sewer lateral.

**PSU Meade Heights** – No correspondence was received over the past month.

**Stoneridge Lot 1** – No correspondence was received over the past month.

**SBC Pennsylvania Building Expansion (2755 Spring Garden Drive)** – No correspondence was received over the past month.

**Building #300-Capital Logistics Center** – No update to report.

**Star-Barn Duplexes** – No update to report. A financial security estimate must be submitted for review and the Authority's approval.

**Woodridge PH II Section 9** – The contractor is working to correct the constructed invert in elevation at the connection to the existing manhole. The invert in was found to be lower than invert out and the contractor is correcting this issue by raising the upstream gravity sewer piping.

**Campus Heights Village III** – No correspondence was received over the past month.

Mr. Hartz commented that he did a drive by and reviewed where they are putting the new pump station and he noted that it does not give much site visibility coming off that corner even if they cut that ground off. He hopes that this will be part of the discussion so staff is not in a pinch going in and out of there with the truck. Mr. Lanman responded that one of the requirements for that location is that we have to be able to get a full size flush truck in and be able to turn it around so we are not backing out or trying to back into that lot off of North Union.

**Solicitor's Report:** Solicitor Henninger handed out the annual sewer lien update, showing that at the present there are eleven (11) outstanding liens. Solicitor Henninger also updated the Board on the Biller lien.

Solicitor Henninger requested an executive session directly following tonight's meeting for an update on Inter-municipal issues.

**M.A. Manager's Report:** Mr. Lanman reported the road closure on Spring Garden Drive that it a storm pipe/culvert failure. HRG is obtaining some estimates to put a plan together to either replace the culvert that has failed with a pipe or replace all of the culverts. Mr. Lanman advised the Board that we may have to replace about 150 feet of 8 inch sanitary sewer pipe along with the culvert repair. He is anticipating having some estimates from HRG by the March 6, 2019 Board of Commissioners Work Shop Meeting, so he should have a better idea by our next meeting what we can expect.

Mr. Lanman updated the Board on the flush truck. A&H has it in Harrisburg and Mr. Lanman noted that he did look at it briefly and it seemed to be in pretty good shape considering the things that will be replaced as noted

last month. The quote for this truck is \$222,600.00. He indicated he would like to get the guys out to look at it later this week or early next week. A& H has not started the work on it yet.

Commissioner Truntz asked Mr. Lanman to explain to the Authority Board what they had talked about on the phone the other day, in regards to this truck verses a brand new truck. Mr. Lanman explained that this truck has a few options that the brand new truck, that we have specs for, did not have; like a remote belly control, some flush systems, and a wash down systems for the fan. The price for the new truck is around \$385,000.00 depending on the chaise, add the other systems in, it would take the price over \$400,000.00. This truck does not have the tier 4 emissions or the DEF fluid which tend to cause problems with newer trucks, especially if they idle a lot. There will be a little bit of warranty on this truck but as Mr. Lanman pointed out the warranty on anything we buy will run out by years not by miles or hours.

Solicitor Henninger asked what this truck can do that our current truck cannot do. Mr. Lanman commented “run”; then he added, this truck has more pressure, it is an 80 gallon a minute pump at 2,000 or 2,500 psi. It has a bigger pump, more hose, more capacity, the vacuum system will be vastly better than the one we have. Mr. Lanman noted the vacuum is down on our current truck, so we would have to try to put a new fan in it and then we would still have the reliability issues, because every time we have used it to vacuum, we have had issues with it.

Solicitor Henninger asked if we can use this truck for storm water issues. Mr. Lanman responded that with this size truck and gallons per minute capacity we could flush some storm water pipes, but was unsure on how big of a pipe we could flush. He also noted it would depend on the size head we used, which we would have to purchase. In addition, it will have more of a suction lift capacity from what we currently have. Mr. Fox stated that this truck would be a better piece of equipment to actually clean the inlets out, not necessarily flush. Mr. Lanman added that we are going to have areas that might need flushed, especially in the Rosedale Manor area and there is an option to put a hydro excavation system on this truck, which he has asked A&H to include a price for this system, the truck is set up to have this, we would just basically need the wand installed. Mr. Paul inquired how pricy that would be, Mr. Lanman indicated that he did not know but A&H didn’t make it seem like it was a real expensive item.

Mr. Hartz stated to Mr. Lanman that he always appreciates the details in the decision making process that Mr. Lanman brings to the table for the Township, and what he was about to share with the rest of the Board members is not to reflect any disrespect towards him. Mr. Hartz went on to read an anonymous letter that he received in the mail earlier this week by a “concerned taxpayer” in regards to the purchase of this used flush truck as well as the accuracy of what was being stated by the Authority Manger. Ms. McBride, immediately responded by stating that she has very strong opinions about anonymous letters, Mr. Hartz agreed as well, and emphasized, if someone has this big of a concern, they should attend the meeting and discuss concerns with the Board directly or as Ms. McBride added they should have identified themselves to Mr. Hartz, but asked that he keep that information confidential to the public.

Mr. Hartz questioned Mr. Lanman on how many times the old flush truck has broken down in the past five (5) years and who do we use to do the job when we have a breakdown. Mr. Lanman replied that we use Kline’s or JG Environmental, they are both down towards Lancaster. Ms. McBride interjected that before we continue this conversation she would like to sit down with Mr. Lanman tomorrow and go over all the records then they will send

out an email to everyone here. Mr. Lanman indicated he will not be in the office tomorrow so it was agreed that the information would be forwarded by Wednesday or Thursday.

Mr. Lanman noted he just filled out the first three (3) EDU permits for The Pond development. He is still waiting for a call back from them in regards to a previous invoice that needs to be paid before these permits are issued.

Mr. Lanman updated the Board on the control panel failure, which caused the level control system to fault out at the Green Plains Pump Station. Envirep was able to get us a new level monitor at a discounted price, because we are in the process of planning an upgrade at that pump station to upgrade that entire control system, which this will give us a spare as we move forward.

Solicitor Henninger requested that Lester forward the specs for the trucks to HRG for them to look over as well.

**Township Manger's Report:** Ms. McBride noted that this is an election year and we have trolls and anonymous people emerging, as evident of the letter Mr. Hartz received, she really hopes everyone here will make an effort to keep politics out, she believes this board is made up of committed people who have the good of the Township at heart.

Ms. McBride informed the board that about eighty (80) easement letters were sent out for an MS4 project that is going on. There is a meeting scheduled for March 14, 2019.

A motion was made by Mr. Hartz seconded by Mr. Popp to approve the February expenses in the amount of \$168,241.17. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

A motion was made by Mr. Popp seconded by Mr. Spangler to adjourn the meeting and convene into executive session. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Tracey Bechtel, Recording Secretary