

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

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

- Richard Wilkinson, Chairman
- Daniel Magaro, Vice Chairman
- Chester Hartz, Secretary
- Frank Popp
- Peter Henninger, Solicitor
- Elizabeth McBride, Township Manager
- Caleb Krauter, Engineer
- Tracey Bechtel, Recording Secretary

Absent: Scott Spangler, Treasurer

Residents and visitors in attendance:

Ron Burkholder  
Todd Truntz, (LST Commissioner)  
Ron Paul (LST Commissioner)

**Public comments:** None

A motion was made by Mr. Magaro seconded by Mr. Popp to approve the February 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously approved

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

**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. HRG will conduct a substantial completion walkthrough with Mr. Rehab, Inc. and Authority Manager on February 28, 2019. Final Payment Application is anticipated to be submitted later this month.

SWERP, Inc. (SWERP) was scheduled to complete the rehabilitation of the meter chamber on Airport Drive by the end of November 2018. Due to ongoing delay in schedule, the work still has not been initiated. HRG recommends terminating the agreement with SWERP, Inc.

HRG, solicited an updated quote from Advanced Rehabilitation Technology (ART) in the amount of \$4,550.00. ART also provided a quote to complete the work on the Airport Drive flow meter chamber and a second manhole for \$4,800.00. The ability for ART to offer this work to be completed for this price is due to their high mobilization costs. Infiltration was observed in RM1 during the completion of the 2018 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project, and is in need of rehabilitation. We recommend that the Authority authorized Advanced Rehabilitation Technology to complete the Airport Drive flow meter and RM1 rehabilitation for a lump sum price of \$4,800.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Magaro seconded by Mr. Hartz to nullify the Agreement with SWERP, Inc. for the rehabilitation of the meter chamber on Airport Drive. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Magaro seconded by Mr. Popp to approve Advanced Rehabilitation Technology (ART) to complete the Airport Drive flow meter and RM1 rehabilitation for a lump sum price of \$4,800.00. The motion was unanimously approved.

**2019 Proposed Capital Improvement Projects** – A proposal for professional engineering services has been prepared and submitted to the Authority for consideration. HRG is ready to proceed upon receiving authorization. HRG plans to have all design completed prior to the Authority's September Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Popp seconded by Mr. Magaro to approve proposal dated March 18, 2019 for design bid, construction phase services for the 2019 Sanitary Sewer System Improvement Project for a Lump Sum fee of \$339,850.00 and an Estimated Time and Materials fee not to exceed \$65,200.00. The motion was unanimously approved.

The following is a list of those improvements included in the proposal:

- Green Plains FM Discharge Downstream Manholes Lining Rehabilitation.
- Green Plains Pump Station Improvements.
- Jamesway Pump Station Force Main Improvements.
- Middle School Pump Station Improvements.
- Cured-in-place Pipe Lining Rehabilitation (2019 and 2020).

**Act 537 Planning** – HRG has prepared and will be sending 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 – The developer has requested that the tapping fee reimbursement component be determined for their improvements to the Lumber Street Interceptor. HRG is currently reviewing and working on this with Solicitor Henninger. 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. HRG 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*** – This project has been completed.

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

***UPS Northeast Hub*** – HRG and the Authority and Township staff are working to identify any potential future flows from undeveloped parcels with the drainage area tributary to the North Union Street Pump Station so that Snyder, Secary, and Associates, LLC can continue with the design of the North Union Street Pump Station. We have provided them with the future flows planned by the Hershey Creamery expansion.

***Hershey Creamery Expansion*** – No update to report. We are 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*** – No update to report.

***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 has corrected the invert in elevation at the connection to the existing manhole. That section of sewer main will be retested due to being disturbed as a result of the repair made.

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

Mr Krauter added to his report this evening to make the Authority aware of the replacement of the two culverts on Spring Garden Drive. Mr. Krauter included an exhibit for the Authority Board showing three culverts that the Township is possibly repairing. There has been no decision as of yet whether the Township will repair just the one that has sunk or they may repair all three. Mr. Krauter explained that if the two culverts on Spring Garden get replaced, HRG recommends that while they are being replaced, the Authority replaces the sewer pipe in that section as well which the exhibit showed 150' on Spring Garden and 190' and another 140' on Lumber Street. Mr. Krauter and Mr. Lanman shared different options the Township is looking at just to keep the Authority Board aware for potential approval of moving forward with this project at next month's meeting.

**Solicitor's Report:** None

**M.A. Manager's Report:** Mr. Lanman informed the Board of an issue at 1801 Oberlin Road. Mr. Lanman is meeting with the owner of the property and their maintenance person next week to discuss what needs to be done to rebuild the private manhole. The top of the manhole has fallen off, which has created a big source of I&I.

Mr. Lanman noted that Sheetz has responded to our Letter regarding the overage in usage. They do not believe that the number on the water meter is what's going down the sewer, they are blaming their car wash. They are working out scheduling with their engineer in order to have him come out and look at this. There was also talk about the possibility of using a bypass meter.

Mr. Lanman informed the Board that he has been contacted by a Fed Ex property about some sewer flow. The Fed Ex on North Union Street has a private pump station that pumps down their own private force main all the way to North Union to the intersection at Fulling Mill. One of the things they were asking was the capacity at the pump station. Mr. Lanman explained that there is no additional capacity left at the pump station but indicated to them that they do have some capacity within your own system, at least on paper. They previously purchased 53 EDU's, the most they have used in the last few years is 12 or 13 EDU's, so they have the reserved capacity. They were going to meet with their legal people and engineers before moving forward.

Mr. Lanman updated the Board on the Flush truck. He noted that the guys went to A&H last Friday to take a look at the truck and they came back with some very valid points of concern. The truck appears to have been used pretty hard, perhaps stored outside, rust noted on the underside. Mr. Mason noted oil leaks on the main chaise engine and the auxiliary engine that drives the vacuum system. These oil leaks are big ticket items, like main seal leaks where you are taking a lot of stuff apart to fix it. Part of the exhaust system need replaced which is estimated to be around \$3,500.00 to \$4,000.00. The breaks appeared to be worn down to 50 percent. The staff had concerns with the interconnectivity of the debris tank to the water tanks. They did like the hose reel and the automatic transmission on this truck. Mr. Lanman stated that based on the feedback that the guys gave him, he cannot recommend purchasing this truck at the price we were given. He wasn't sure if A&H would budge or consider budging on the price.

Mr. Lanman noted that Mr. Mason pointed out that with most of our vehicles we are not going to hit the mileage portion of a warranty, we will hit the years first. So we should give some thought, especially if we buy new to get an extended warranty on time not on miles and make sure it covers electronic components.

Ms. McBride asked Mr. Lanman if he foresees forthcoming information on new flush trucks. Mr. Lanman replied that there were a few options thrown out there, the crew seems to feel that a 9 yard truck is a little larger then what we need but would like the water capacity of 1,000 gallons and more pumping capacity. It will be harder to find a demo single axel style truck, there are some tandem axel trucks around. Mr. Lanman noted he will continue to gather information and keep the Board updated.

**Township Manger's Report:** Ms. McBride noted that there is a CD maturing next week, the principle value is \$500,000.00, it is worth about \$503,000.00 now, we have not shopped for rates yet, so at the next meeting the Board will be advised of where the money was put.

Ms. McBride asked Mr. Burkholder to come forward and state his request to the Board. Mr. Burkholder explained that in 2010 we entered into an agreement to purchase 250 EDU's from Derry Township Municipal Authority through Lower Swatara Township Municipal Authority to insure capacity for the Colony of Old Reliance. The agreement gives a time limit to purchase the tap on fees from Lower Swatara Township Municipal Authority. That time limit is up in 2020. Mr. Burkholder noted that his project has stalled over these past years due to poor economy as has many other projects. Because of this the Department of Environmental Protection gave all these projects a 5 year extension due to the economy. The preliminary approval for Colony of Old Reliance also got this extension. This project is still in the works and so he is respectfully requesting an extension of 5 years to this agreement.

A motion was made by Mr. Magaro seconded by Mr. Popp to grant a 5 year extension to the current agreement for the purchase of tap on fees till 2025. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. McBride asked Mr. Messick to approach the Board with his request this evening. Mr. Messick stated that his property at 1808 Oberlin Road has been vacant since the end of November of 2018 and will remain vacant till at least mid-summer till he gets a tenant back in there. He is requesting relief from user charges at this property location. Mr. Messick added that back in 2016 the Authority Board granted such relief at his property at 1810 Oberlin Road while he renovated that property.

Ms. McBride brought to the Authority's attention that Mr. Messick has had on-going delinquent sewer charges on all three of his property locations for quite some time, it was also noted that these properties are all on well, not public water. Mr. Messick acknowledged that he has not been paying his sewer bills due to family hardships and expressed his appreciation to the Board for being patient and is hoping to have the delinquency situation under control by the end of the year.

Chairman Wilkinson commented that he was here in 2016 when Mr. Messick requested relief from user charges and at that time the original amount owed was around \$6,000.00 and now we are up to \$9,000.00 and there has been little to no movement over three and a half years, so he cannot see extending relief again. The rest of the Board was in agreement with Chairman Wilkinson since Mr. Messick has not shown much attempt or been in contact with the Authority prior to tonight to rectify this situation.

A motion was made by Mr. Magaro seconded by Mr. Hartz to deny Mr. Messick's request from user charges at the 1808 Oberlin Road location. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Hartz seconded by Mr. Magaro to approve the March expenses in the amount of \$127,453.50. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Commissioner Paul noted to the Authority Board with the pending D & H plan off Rosedale Avenue we might want to give some thought to talking with them regarding upgrades to the pump station or to the force

main depending on what additional flow will be coming in from that project. Chairman Wilkinson agreed that when we get to that point we should certainly take a look and see if we have projects that can be phased in like we did with Lumber Street.

A motion was made by Mr. Magaro seconded by Mr. Popp to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Tracey Bechtel, Recording Secretary