

MINUTES
LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
FEBRUARY 22, 2016

Chairman Gingrich called the Regular Meeting of the Lower Swatara Township Municipal Authority to order at 7:00 P.M. The record indicated the following officials in attendance:

- James Gingrich, Chairman
- Richard Wilkinson, Vice Chairman
- Chester Hartz, Secretary
- Charles High, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
- Anne Shambaugh, Manager
- Peter Henninger, Solicitor
- Matthew D. Cichy, Engineer
- Tracey Bechtel, Recording Secretary

Absent: Daniel Magaro, Treasurer

Residents and visitors in attendance:

Mayor John R. Hoerner, (Highspire Boro)

Todd F. Truntz (LST Commissioner)

Lester Lanman (Municipal Authority Manager)

Public Comments: Mayor Hoerner addressed the Board regarding the verbal agreement between Highspire Borough and Lower Swatara Township in reference to the recent treatment plant upgrades totaling more than \$400,000. Mayor Hoerner asked for clarification on the agreement since he was not a party to the discussions.

Chairman Gingrich stated there has been poor communication from both parties which led to the situation at hand, where invoices were received from the Borough for work that was performed without the Township's knowledge or input. Chairman Gingrich noted the Township pays sixty-four (64%) percent of Highspire's Operation and Maintenance costs associated with

the Treatment Plant and the Township did not know the work was needed, contracted or completed. After a brief discussion regarding the history of the partnership, Chairman Gingrich stated the Township would like to open negotiations with the Borough to update the agreement which has been in existence for more than thirty (30) years,

Solicitor Henninger gave an update on the verbal agreement between the municipalities and stated the representatives at the meeting were going to discuss a number of options and ideas with their respective Boards. Based on that agreement, this Authority agreed to pay invoices on the most recent upgrade and approved the first of ten (10) quarterly payments to be made on the outstanding invoices. Solicitor Henninger stated the next quarterly payment is due in May and is hopeful both municipalities can meet and find a resolutions to the situation.

A motion was made by Mr. High seconded by Mr. Wilkinson to approve the December 21, 2015 Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilkinson seconded by Mr. Hartz to approve the February 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

Amtrak Middletown Station Utility Relocation: HRG submitted the remaining forms required by PennDOT to HNTB, PennDOT's consultant, on February 2, 2016. HNTB indicated to HRG on February 19, 2016 that they are currently coordinating all of the various utility relocations needed for this project with PennDOT. Upon PennDOT's review of all information, it is anticipated that PennDOT will develop an agreement between PennDOT and the Authority regarding reimbursement of the Authority's expenses associated with this project. HNTB said that the overall project is currently in final design and is slated to begin construction in late 2016.

Richardson Road Sewer Relocation: HRG plans to incorporate comments from the Township Staff. Revised plans will be provided to the Township Staff tonight to review and upon approval will be forwarded for incorporation into the overall Richardson Road Bridge Replacement project.

Chris Bauer from HRG has provided a schedule for this project. The anticipated schedule is advertised for bids at the end of March of this year, open bids at the end of April,

Township issue notice to award at the May legislative meeting, notice to proceed for construction in June, with substantial completion in September of this year.

Act 537 Plan Update: HRG is preparing the Task Activity Report (TAR) for staff review and approval. It is anticipated that the TAR will be submitted for staff review by the end of February. Upon approval by the Authority, the TAR will be submitted to DEP for approval.

Chapter 94 Report: HRG has started working on the report from information that staff has supplied. HRG will submit to staff for review. Once it's reviewed HRG will send it out for incorporation.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Henninger reported that 2169 Rosedale Avenue may going to settlement. There is a total payoff of \$8,518.68 to satisfy liens and bring account up to date.

Solicitor Henninger requested an executive session after the meeting to discuss SARAA and Highspire.

Solicitor Henninger noted he will have the updated sewer lien report at next month's meeting.

Manager's Report: No Report.

A motion was made by Mr. Hartz seconded by Mr. Wilkinson to approve the February expenses in the amount of \$141,699.19. The motion was unanimously approved.

New Business: Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 28, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Mr. High seconded by Mr. Wilkinson to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

ATTEST:

Tracey Bechtel, Recording Secretary