

**MINUTES**  
**LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**  
**NOVEMBER 25, 2013**

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 R. Gingrich, Chairman
- Todd Truntz, Vice Chairman
- Charles A. High, Secretary
- Richard Wilkinson, Treasurer
- Donald Martino, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer
- Peter Henninger, Solicitor
- Matthew D. Cichy, Engineer
- Tracey L. Bechtel, Recording Secretary

Residents and visitors in attendance:

- Jeff Sipe (LSTMA)
- Jeff Ash (LSTMA)
- Tom Mehaffie, Commissioner
- Jon Wilt, Commissioner

**Public Comment:** No Public Comment

A motion was made by Mr. Wilkinson seconded by Mr. Martino to approve the October 28, 2013 Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Engineer's Report:** Mr. Cichy distributed the monthly written report. The first item is the Middletown WWTP Upgrades Update. No update to report.

**Blacklatch Lane Sewer Replacement Project:** (2013 Sewer System Improvements Project)

Mr. Cichy reported that the Contractor completed the pavement restoration work on November 5, 2013 and notified HRG that all punchlist work was completed as of November 20,

2013. Tomorrow representatives of HRG and Township Staff will be completing a final inspection to verify that all work has been completed.

Two (2) complaints have been received from property owners who live adjacent to the project. The first complaint is from a Ben Mosser in regards to his home being covered in dust and indicated one of his trees has died due to the dust from the project and is asking for his home to be power washed and reimbursement from the Township for the tree. The second complaint is from a Robert Jackson indicating a portion of his property was disturb and is asking that it be brought back up to grade and reseeded. These complaints have been forwarded to the Contractor. The Contractor has advised that the property disturbed during construction will be restored. We will verify this work during our final inspection tomorrow. Regarding the cleaning of the house and the tree, the Contractor has advised that he will not pressure wash the house, since it was a construction site and will monitor the tree in the spring, as it was the fall season when the complaint was made.

The Contractor has submitted eight claims for extra work during the course of the project. HRG has reviewed each of these claims and rendered a decision on each of the claims in correspondence dated November 12, 2013. Mr. Cichy noted that the Contractor's claims totaled \$32,658.94 of that total HRG is recommending approving \$11,472.42. After submission of this letter to the Contractor called HRG asking for consideration for the claims that were denied because of the time period. HRG advised the Contractor this would be an owner decision. After further discussion the Board agreed to give the Contractor Claim No. 4 & 5 for a total of \$3,010.48, but is standing firm on Claim 8 as denied. Final Application for Payment will be submitted at next month's meeting.

HRG has prepared Change Order No. 1 for the Project to incorporate the claims that the Engineer has determined to be approved. This change order results in an increase of \$7,265.42 to the Contract Price for Claim No. 1, 6 and 7.

A motion was made by Mr. High seconded by Mr. Martino to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$7,265.42. The motion was unanimously approved.

**GIS Mapping Update:** HRG completed the stormwater Database Population Training and ArcGIS Online Training with Township Staff on November 4, 2013. Township Staff then began

work on completing the locating, inspecting, and attributing of the stormwater features throughout the Township. As of today, Township Staff have collected:

- Outfalls: 55
- Storm Manholes: 22
- Inlets: 484
- Pipe segments: 518
- Cross Pipe: 1
- Basins: 19

HRG data collection of the sanitary sewer features via GPS is planned for the Winter/Spring 2014 timeframe and will be weather permitting.

**SARAA North 29 Update:** SARAA has submitted a sewage planning module for what they call the North 29 Area is the lot on the East side of Meade Avenue and includes the proposed Sheetz site. SARAA is requesting that the proposed sewage, estimated to be 38,000 gpd (or 167 EDUs at 228 gpd/EDU), generating from this area be conveyed to SARAA's WWTP. SARAA proposed to provide sewage service through the construction of a pump station and force main that crosses SR 230 and extends to existing SARAA facilities on the South side of SR 230.

The Authority's 2009 Sewage Treatment Agreement with the Middletown Borough Authority indicates that the North 29 Area is within the Middletown Borough Authority Drainage Basin. Per Section 8 of the Agreement – Exclusivity, all flows originating in Lower Swatara Township in the MBA Drainage Basin shall be discharge to the Middletown Treatment Plant. Based upon this it is HRG's recommendation that the Authority Board not approve supporting this sewage planning module.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilkinson seconded by Mr. High to deny the sewage planning module. The motion was unanimously approved.

Portable Engine Driven, Trailer Mounted Pump to Envirep, Inc. in the amount of \$33,370.00. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Solicitor's Report:** Solicitor Henninger reported that there has been no negative response from Middletown regarding the billing issues and no update to report on regarding the Blatt & Myers litigation.

Commissioner Mehaffie addressed the Board on the Proposed 2014 Sewer Revenue Fund Budget.

Commissioner Mehaffie requested an executive session following tonight's regular meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilkinson seconded by Mr. Martino to approve the November expenses of the Sewer Revenue Fund in the amount of \$410,510.83. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Bechtel noted that the Board should officially correct the approved conveyance of additional EDU's for the Campus Heights Village II student housing at last month's meeting; the Board approved 22 additional EDU's and the correct number of additional EDU's is 34. A motion was made by Mr. Truntz seconded by Mr. Wilkinson to approve conveyance of 34 additional EDU's for the Campus Heights Village II proposed student housing.

**New Business:** None

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Wilkinson noted that he will not be able to attend that meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Martino and seconded by Mr. High to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Tracey Bechtel  
Recording Secretary