

**MINUTES**  
**LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**  
**MARCH 23, 2015**

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
- Todd Truntz, Vice Chairman
- Charles High, Secretary
- Samuel Monticello, Manager
- Peter Henninger, Solicitor
- Matthew D. Cichy, Engineer
- Tracey Bechtel, Recording Secretary

Absent: Richard Wilkinson, Treasurer

Residents and visitors in attendance:

Bob Sutch (Highspire Boro Authority)  
Von Hess ( Highspire Boro Authority)  
Kent Patterson (Highspire Boro Authority)  
Paul Navarro ( Navarro & Wright)  
Mike Williams  
Steve Severin, (LSTMA)

Public Comments:

Mr. Navarro and representatives from the Highspire Borough Authority are here this evening regarding the Lumber Street Interceptor Improvements and the 2008 Agreement that the Municipal Authority of Lower Swatara Township (LSTMA) has with three developers, one which is FRLLC for the proposed residential retirement community submitted by Navarro & Wright. Mr. Navarro explained that Grant monies have been obtained for the improvements. In

order to expedite the process he is here this evening to ask if the Authority would have any problem with Fulling Road LLC putting up the monies for the entire improvement project.

Solicitor Henninger indicated that this would not alter the existing Agreement and if all parties are agreeable then LSTMA would not have any issues. Solicitor also noted that before the Final Land Development Plan is recorded the Township would require a letter from Highspire indicating that all the improvement guarantees have been posted.

A motion was made by Mr. High seconded by Mr. Truntz to approve the February 23, 2015 Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Severin addressed the Board regarding some maintenance issues that are becoming costly and time consuming for the Authority at the Credit Union on Fulling Mill Road. There has been a buildup of rags in the Credit Unions lateral which is causing water to dam up behind it where eventually enough water builds up behind this rag ball that you get enough pressure to force the rag ball out into the manhole that it connects to. The Authority is concerned that the rag ball is big enough to plug up some place downstream in the main. Mr. Severin indicated that he has been in contact with the maintenance person so they are aware that there is a problem.

The Authority Board recommended that a letter be sent to the owners of the building informing them that they have a malfunction with their lateral and it is causing a problem to our system and action needs to take place to rectify this issue.

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

**Act 57 Tapping Fee Update:** Mr. Cichy indicated that HRG is awaiting direction on whether there are any comments on the draft report that was submitted last month. HRG will finalize the draft report after receipt of comments, if any.

No additional comments were made by the Authority Board.

**Riverview Drive Sewer Improvements:** The Contractor has completed the installation of the manhole chimney sealant and mandrel testing of the sanitary sewer mains. In addition,

restoration of the roadway and other disturbed areas remains. HRG continues to provide an on-site resident project representative to observe the construction and is assisting Staff in their administration of the Contract.

**Pennsylvania Avenue Sewer Improvements Project:** HRG has completed field survey of the project area and is now working on generating the basemapping. Upon completion of the basemapping, HRG will move into design phase services. United Water has submitted a request to HRG to provide them with an electronic version of the basemapping for this area once prepared. Mr. Cichy informed United Water that he would discuss this with the Authority and that they must ultimately authorize this release. If approved, HRG will provide a copy of the basemapping to United Water.

The Authority Board authorized Mr. Cichy to release the basemapping to United Water when that is completed.

**Annual Chapter 94 Report:** HRG has prepared the annual Chapter 94 Municipal Wasteload Management Report for the 2014 Calendar Year. This report is required to be submitted to DEP by March 31. Pertinent flow information calculated by the report is listed below. In addition, the report indicated that the peak influent flow to the Jamesway Pump Station exceeded the pumping capacity of one pump and caused both pumps to operate during a wet weather event in August. The Authority should consider investigating the drainage basin tributary to this pump station to determine the source(s) of the I&I and remove them from the system. It is requested that the Authority authorize Manager Monticello to execute this report. HRG will then transmit it to the appropriate parties.

Mr. Cichy updated the Board on the Sheetz project. They are moving forward with the construction on the sanitary sewer. They did find the new line under the CVS parking lot. The Contractor has completed the boring across Meade Avenue and they will be working on setting that manhole at CVS. Once that is set they will then work on the sanitary going back up to Sheetz.

**Solicitor's Report:** Solicitor Henninger reported that there are three (3) properties listed for sheriff sale for May 11, 2015. Two of the three properties have had their water shut off by United Water and they do not have a past due balance. However, 2021 Market Street Extended has a balance due of \$434.00. Solicitor Henninger is asking for the Authority's approval to go ahead and place a Lien on that property.

A motion was made by Mr. High seconded by Mr. Truntz to authorize Solicitor Henninger to place a lien on 2021 Market Street Extended. The motion was unanimously approved.

Solicitor Henninger noted that we are still waiting on United Water's estimates in order to move ahead with the proposal to SARRA.

**Manager's Report:** Mr. Monticello reported that we have received a proposed Settlement Agreement from Middletown Borough along with an invoice in the amount of \$225,000 for Sewer Treatment charges for the years 2010-2014 for the Boards consideration this evening.

Solicitor Henninger indicated that he will send a release letter along with the check stating that the Municipal Authority of Lower Swatara Township has fulfilled all our obligations to the Middletown Borough Authority and the Borough of Middletown.

Solicitor Henninger requested a brief executive session at this time.

The Municipal Authority Board reconvened back to their regular meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. High seconded by Mr. Truntz to approve the Settlement Agreement for 2010-2014 sewer charges to Middletown. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Truntz seconded by Mr. High to approve March expenses of the Sewer Revenue Fund in the amount of \$379,013.68. The motion was unanimously approved.

**New Business:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday April 27, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Mr. Truntz seconded by Mr. High to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Tracey Bechtel, Recording Secretary