

MINUTES
LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
MAY 18, 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
- Richard Wilkinson, Treasurer
- Samuel Monticello, Manager
- Peter Henninger, Solicitor
- Matthew D. Cichy, Engineer
- Tracey Bechtel, Recording Secretary

Residents and visitors in attendance:

Steve Severin, (LSTMA)

Staci Tupta, (HRG)

Public Comments: None

A motion was made by Mr. Truntz seconded by Mr. Wilkinson to approve the April 27, 2015 Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

Pennsylvania Avenue Sewer Improvements Project: HRG is finalizing the design of the sanitary sewer replacement associated with this project with intentions of having the project ready for bidding next week. HRG has incorporated the sewer improvements authorized at last month's meeting into the design. We anticipate receiving bids prior to the Authority's June

meeting so that the Authority can take action at their meeting. Mr. Cichy indicated he has not heard any update recently from United Water on whether they intend to proceed with any improvements to the water system on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Richardson Road Bridge Replacement: Lower Swatara Township has applied for and has been approved for a Dauphin County Infrastructure Bank (DCIB) loan for the replacement of the Richardson Road Bridge. The replacement of this bridge will require the relocation of the existing sanitary sewer main that presently goes under the existing bridge at a shallow depth. The estimated cost associated with the sanitary sewer relocation is approximately \$66,000 which includes both engineering and construction. This work is included in the Township's DCIB loan. The Township has already been awarded a gaming grant for their first payment on the loan. The total loan is for \$500,000, including administrative closing costs, engineering, utility relocation, right-of-way, construction, and inspection. There is a \$47,000 contingency included in the loan. A schedule has not yet been completed, but Mr. Cichy anticipates survey, design, permitting, and bidding in 2015, construction in 2016. It is HRG's understanding that the Township will look for the Authority to cover the cost of the sanitary sewer relocation associated with this project. The Township Board of Commissioners will decide whether to proceed with this project at their May 20, 2015 meeting.

Rate Study: As requested at last month's meeting Mr. Cichy indicated he researched HRG's files for the rate study completed in 2005. A copy of the information submitted to the Authority will be distributed for review and use.

Mr. Cichy noted a flyer that he passed out with his report, inviting the Board to attend the upcoming PennTec Conference.

Mr. Cichy reported that DEP has approved Middletown Borough Authority's Corrective Action Plan. Lower Swatara Township Authority should have received a copy. Mr. Cichy had discussions with Middletown's representatives he asked for a quick overview of how this would impact Lower Swatara. Basically the CAT Plan relates only to what's tributary to the area of overflow in Middletown. That would be the area of Farr's Pump Station and Swatara Shores.

DEP has approved up to 15 connections per year. There is not much growth in that area but there is connections allowed. Middletown has to do flow monitoring requirements, so they may be coming to the Authority for some flow meter information as they go about their program.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Henninger noted that he has no update on United Water Middletown or SARAA at this time.

Last month Solicitor Henninger reported that he had sent a 30 day lien letter to Mr. Guest at 2021 Market Street Ext, since then Mr. Guest has paid his bill off.

Solicitor Henninger noted he received notice of Sheriff's Sale scheduled for 2169 Rosedale Avenue, Dale Sauder, for July 16, 2015. We currently have a lien placed on this property.

Manager's Report: Mr. Monticello reported that the two new employees in the financial department have started and will be overseeing both the Township and the Authority's financial duties and thanked staff for assisting in the interim.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilkinson seconded by Mr. High to approve May expenses of the Sewer Revenue Fund in the amount of \$103,673.56. The motion was unanimously approved.

New Business:

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday June 22, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. High noted he will not be attending next month's meeting.

Mr. Truntz commented on the e-mails regarding discussion with the accountant regarding finances and suggestions where there could be some cost cutting strategies.

A motion was made by Mr. High seconded by Mr. Truntz to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

ATTEST:

Tracey Bechtel, Recording Secretary