

MINUTES
LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
FEBRUARY 27, 2012

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
- Donald Martino, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer
- Matthew D. Cichy, Engineer
- Peter R. Henninger, Solicitor
- Harry Krot, Township Manager
- Tracey L. Bechtel, Recording Secretary

Absent: Richard W. Wilkerson, Treasurer

Others in Attendance: Thomas L. Mehaffie, III, Commissioner and Jon G. Wilt, Commissioner.

A motion was made by Mr. High and seconded by Mr. Truntz to approve the January 18, 2012 Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Engineer's Report: Mr. Cichy distributed his monthly written report. Mr. Cichy noted that there were no invoices or updates to report with the Highspire Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade project.

Mr. Cichy reported that Lower Swatara's construction invoices for the Middletown Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade this month totaled \$2,881.25 and engineering and legal invoices for the month totaled \$3,715.16. No further update was provided, however CET Engineering Services is working on replacement of the influent screen. Lower Swatara's share of this cost is approximately \$56,000.

The Contractor, PSI Pumping Solutions, Inc. has indicated that the work at the Jamesway Plaza Pump Station is complete. Township staff and HRG conducted a final inspection of the work today and developed a punch list of twelve items that must be completed/corrected. HRG

notified the Contractor of the punch list and the Contractor advised that the items will be completed as soon as possible.

One item that came up over the past month was the air flow switches required in the HVAC duct work to indicate that the HVAC system is operational. The Contractor advised that they had replaced the air flow sail switches initially selected at other locations and recommended a more robust air flow switch be installed. HRG and the Contractor worked at selecting a more robust electronic air flow switch which has a higher material cost. PSI Pumping Solutions, Inc. provided a cost of \$495.00 for the difference in material cost for the air flow switches. HRG has reviewed the cost and finds it to be acceptable. HRG has prepared Change Order #3 to incorporate the new electronic air flow switch and would recommend the authorization of Change Order #3 to PSI Pumping Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$495.00. A motion was made by Mr. Martino and seconded by Mr. High to approve Change Order #3 in the amount of \$495.00. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Cichy reported that the Contractor has submitted Application for Payment No. 1 for full payment of work or \$56,550.92. HRG has reviewed the application and based on the punch list items recommends payment to the Contractor in the amount of \$53,723.37 or 95%. A motion was made by Mr. High and seconded by Mr. Martino to approve Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$53,723.37. The motion was unanimously approved.

Solicitor's Report: Mr. Henninger reported that the Oral Argument is scheduled for March 26, 2012 on Middletown Borough Authority preliminary objections on Blatt & Myers, Inc. claim. Mr. Henninger believes that we should hear something by early/mid April.

Mr. Henninger noted he did receive notification that the Deyle property is in foreclosure and the foreclosure sale is schedule for April 19, 2012. The Authority does have a lien against this property and should receive payment due.

Manager's Report: Mr. Krot requested authorization to proceed with the engineering, design and bidding for the installation of the Muffin Monster at the Jamesway Pump Station. Mr. Cichy noted that HRG's cost would be \$17,900.00 for the project design and \$2,800.00 for the bidding phase, for a total estimated fee of \$20,700.00. A motion was made by Mr. Martino and seconded by Mr. High to proceed with the project design and bidding for the Muffin Monster at the Jamesway Pump Station. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Krot asked Mr. Cichy to bring the Board up to date on the Blacklatch Lane Sewer Replacement Project. Mr. Cichy reported Township staff brought to HRG's attention in March 2011 a stretch of existing sanitary sewer main piping that requires replacement due to operational issues. This stretch of sanitary sewer main is approximately 1,750 feet in length between Blacklatch Lane and Powderhorn Road. It parallels an existing stream for the majority of the alignment and approximately 300 feet of it is located in a wooded wetland just north of the Township Park. Township staff has indicated that certain manholes and portions of sanitary sewer piping have been sinking along this stretch. This has resulted in grease buildup in manholes creating blockages that requires frequent cleaning. It also creates bellies in the pipeline which prevent maintenance activities. Township staff is requesting that this stretch of existing sanitary sewer main piping be replaced.

Township staff has requested and it is advantageous to the Authority, to perform the survey and basemapping phase of the project prior to vegetation budding to conserve efforts. Additional concern is the location of the sanitary sewer main to the existing unnamed tributary and the likely presence of wetlands.

HRG has proposed to complete the survey and basemapping required for the design and construction associated with Blacklatch Lane Sewer Replacement Project. HRG will perform a topographic survey to locate features within an approximate 100 foot wide strip in order to locate sufficient features for the future design and at the same time while they are there they will do the wetland delineation process. HRG will perform deed/record research for us in depicting the easement/right of way lines associated with the existing sanitary sewer main and adjoining properties. The cost of the Survey and Basemapping is \$13,000.00 and the Wetland Delineation is \$2,500.00 for a total fee of \$15,500.00. A motion was made by Mr. High and seconded by Mr. Martino to proceed with the surveying and basemapping and the wetland delineation for Blacklatch Lane sewer replacement project in the amount of \$15,500.00. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Krot noted a letter received from Barbara Lane requesting cancellation of sewer bill for the property at 24 Messick Drive which is currently vacant. This property is not on public water, therefore, to be consistent with past procedures the water supply needs to be disconnected and verified by Township staff to be sure no water was going into the sewer. The Board directed Mr. Krot to notify Ms. Lane of the Authority's position with this request and to let her decide

whether she would like to proceed with the disconnection of the water supply or to continue to be billed since the property is currently listed for sale.

Mr. Krot noted to the Board that he met with Daryl Peck of Concord Public Financial and he brought forth the potential opportunity for the Township to refinance their current sewer bonds. Mr. Peck will be attending the next Board of Commissioners workshop meeting on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 to present the information.

A motion was made by Mr. High and seconded by Mr. Martino to approve the February expenses of the Sewer Revenue Fund in the amount of \$110,496.34. The motion was unanimously approved.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 26, 2012. A motion was made by Mr. Martino and seconded by Mr. High to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

ATTEST:

Tracey Bechtel
Recording Secretary