

MINUTES
LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
MARCH 26, 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
- Richard W. Wilkinson, Treasurer
- Matthew D. Cichy, Engineer
- Peter R. Henninger, Solicitor
- Harry Krot, Township Manager
- Tracey L. Bechtel, Recording Secretary

Others in Attendance: Mike Williams, Tom Williams and Peg Stoops (Bryn Gweled Subdivision).

Chairman Gingrich opened the floor for public comment: Mike Williams, 2697 Fulling Mill Road representing BW Partnership, stated the reason why he is here tonight is do to the economic climate in the housing industry, particularly single family homes, the Partnership is considering withdrawing their plan for the Bryn Gweld East project. Mr. Williams also stated that they are on record as participating in the sewer line improvement located in Highspire Borough. The Partnership would like to know if they could be relieved of that obligation. Chairman Gingrich deferred this question to the Solicitor. Mr. Henninger indicated that he would have to take a look at the Agreements in which BW Partnership entered into before he would be able to give an answer to that question. Mr. Henninger informed Mr. Williams that he would review the Agreements, advise the Authority Board and then get back to him.

A motion was made by Mr. Martino and seconded by Mr. High to approve the February 27, 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 \$12,246.24 and engineering and legal invoices for the month totaled \$2,166.08. Mr. Cichy noted that there were a number of construction change orders during this time period totaling an increase of \$292,519.22; LSTMA Share is \$58,503.84. The majority of this cost is the \$282,860.00 attributed to the replacement of the influent screen. Lastly, The Mechanical Contract – Contract No. 94-B Garden Spot Mechanical was paid to 100%. Mr. Cichy also noted that he has attached an updated Project Cost, Construction Invoice, Engineering Invoice and Bond Tracking spreadsheets as of March 12, 2012.

Mr. Cichy recalled that previously the Board talked about doing a site visit in spring to both the Highspire and Middletown WWTP and is asking if the Board is still interested in doing that. The Board concurred and decided to meet at the Highspire WWTP at 6:00 on Monday, April 23, 2012 prior to the Municipal Authority Board Meeting.

The Contractor, PSI Pumping Solutions, Inc. has completed and the Township staff has verified that the punch list items and all emergency repair work at the Jamesway Plaza Pump Station are complete. The Contractor has submitted Application for Payment No. 2 for payment of the outstanding balance of \$2,827.55. HRG has reviewed the application and recommends payment to the Contractor in that amount and also attached some photos of the finished project for the Boards use. A motion was made by Mr. Martino and seconded by Mr. Wilkinson to approve Application for Payment No. 2 in the amount of \$2,827.55. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Cichy reported that HRG has completed the field survey and topographic mapping for the Blacklatch Lane Sewer Replacement Project. They are now working on preparation of the basemapping. They also completed the wetland delineation of the survey area. Based upon our delineation the existing sanitary sewer main extends directly through the wetland, therefore the wetland area will be impacted during construction of this project and the appropriate DEP permits will be required for this work.

Solicitor's Report: Mr. Henninger reported that there are two more properties in the Township that are scheduled for foreclosure sale in April. The first one is 1580 Woodridge Drive, owner Lisa Kurcina, the person we are billing is Patrick Feeney, it is currently in the arrears \$481.57.

The second one is Swatara Partners, 1801 Oberlin Road, they are back \$5,500.00. Mr. Henninger requested and recommended the Authority authorizes him to get those liens in place before April 19, 2012 in order to protect ourselves. A motion was by Mr. Wilkerson and seconded by Mr. Truntz to authorize Solicitor Henninger to place liens on those two properties. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Henninger noted that today was the Oral Argument on the Middletown Borough Authority preliminary objections on Blatt & Myers, Inc. claim. He has not heard any news on the outcome of the as of yet.

Manager's Report: Mr. Krot noted that at last month's Authority meeting he had advised the Board that there was a potential opportunity for the Township to refinance their current sewer bonds. Today Mr. Krot received a phone call from Daryl Peck of Concord Public Financial and indicated that the market has gone up about one half percent, therefore this has been put on hold for now.

Mr. Krot reported that he has been in touch with West Hanover's Authority Manager in regards to out sourcing sewer billing and was able to obtain some contact information that the Township will be looking into in the near future.

A motion was made by Mr. High and seconded by Mr. Martino to approve the March expenses of the Sewer Revenue Fund in the amount of \$115,469.72. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Board will be meeting on April 23, 2012 at 6:00 at the Highspire WWTP for a tour then returning to the Lower Swatara Township building to have the regular meeting of the Municipal Authority.

A motion was made by Mr. High and seconded by Mr. Martino to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

ATTEST:

Tracey Bechtel
Recording Secretary