

MINUTES
LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
LEGISLATIVE MEETING – July 28, 2025

July 28, 2025, Legislative Meeting of the Lower Swatara Township Municipal Authority was called to order at 7:00 P.M by Chairman Wilkinson. Chairman Wilkinson called for the pledge of allegiance. The record indicated the following in attendance.

- Rich Wilkinson, Chairman
- Scott Spangler, Vice Chairman
- Chester Hartz, Secretary
- Don Bailes, Authority Member
- Frank Popp, Treasurer
- Caleb Krauter, Engineer
- Brain Davis, MS4
- James Diamond, Eckert Seamans
- Ron Burkholder, Codes Official
- Zachary Border, Township Manager
- Dominique Kiess, Municipal Authority Secretary

Residents and visitors in attendance: See attached list for others in attendance.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Minutes:

Approve/reject/table Minutes of Legislative Meeting June 23, 2025.

A motion was made by Mr. Popp seconded by Mr. Bailes to approve the Minutes of Legislative Meeting June 23, 2025. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approve/reject/table Financial Security Adjustment #3 for PC#2022-10 Wawa, releasing the remaining \$45,538.00 (Bond No. S336313).

Mr. Krauter, the Engineer Representative, stated that HRG reviewed the work and recommended a reduction to zero as of July 1, 2025.

A motion was made by Mr. Popp, seconded by Mr. Spangler, to approve the Financial Security Adjustment #3 for PC#2022-10 Wawa, releasing the remaining \$45,538.00 (Bond No. S336313). The motion was unanimously approved.

Approve/reject/table Cost Share Request No.18 to Highspire Borough Authority Biosolids Project Funding in the amount of \$16,331.21 for RETTEW Project No. 039742029.

Mr. Krauter, Engineer Representative, stated that HRG has reviewed the project and noted that approximately 70% of the total project funds have been spent. Chairman Wilkinson inquired whether the project is currently on track. Mr.

Krauter responded that, aside from a few relatively minor change orders involving small-dollar amounts, there have been no significant issues reported in recent months. He then asked Mr. Border if he was aware of any other concerns. Mr. Border replied that he was not. Chairman Wilkinson acknowledged the response and asked about the project timeline. Mr. Krauter explained that the project appears to be slightly behind schedule, which was the subject of one of the recent change orders. However, he emphasized that this delay does not affect the overall project schedule or incur additional cost. He also noted that the LSA grant must be expended by the fall of next year, and there is still adequate time to do so. Chairman Wilkinson mentioned that he had raised the timing question because he recalled that one of the grants was set to expire in August, though he wasn't certain whether it was this year or next. Mr. Border said he would follow up with RETTEW to confirm the current project status and provide an update at the next meeting. With no further questions or comments from the Board, the meeting proceeded.

A motion was made by Mr. Bailes seconded by Mr. Hartz to approve the Cost Share Request No.18 to Highspire Borough Authority Biosolids Project Funding in the amount of \$16,331.21 for RETTEW Project No. 039742029. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approve/reject/table Supplement No.2 for the Lumber Street Interceptor Improvements Project, for the Construction Administration and Grant Administration services of the sanitary sewer improvements, in the amount of \$197,900.00.

Mr. Krauter, Engineer Representative, stated that he could answer any questions, specific or technical, related to this proposal. He mentioned that it is for the Lumber Street Interceptor project, and that it is currently out to bid. They anticipate coming to the next meeting with a recommendation for a contractor to award. He said the proposal was sent to staff for review, including Solicitor Diamond, and he didn't believe there were any conditions since this is an amendment to the original contract. Mr. Krauter noted that, for budgeting reasons several years ago, when the estimate was pulled together, they estimated \$230,000 for this work based on contract times. This is based off the hours they believe will be necessary. Mr. Hartz inquired when the project is scheduled to start. Mr. Krauter replied that they anticipate an award at the next meeting, and it would be about 6 to 8 weeks before proceeding to the contractor to start. Based on the contract times and that schedule, final completion is expected by May 2026. Chairman Wilkinson inquired if there were any additional questions. As there were none, the meeting proceeded.

A motion was made by Mr. Hartz seconded by Mr. Spangler to approve Supplement No.2 for the Lumber Street Interceptor Improvements Project, for the Construction Administration and Grant Administration services of the sanitary sewer improvements, in the amount of \$197,900.00. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approve/reject/table Supplement No.1 for the Jamesway Pump Station Generator Project, for the Additional Design, Bidding, and Construction Administration services, in the amount of \$29,400.00.

Mr. Krauter, Engineer Representative, explained that this is the design portion of the project. He noted that at a previous meeting, which he had missed, Ms. Luongo spoke to the Board about options for pursuing either COSTARS quotes for the installation of the equipment or a public bid. The Board had indicated a preference to proceed with a public bid. Mr. Krauter stated that there are several contract documents necessary to prepare for the bidding process, which constitutes this additional design work. The bidding and construction phase is anticipated to begin with a notice

to proceed around February 2026. He added that HRG will assist staff with overseeing the project. He further noted that Resident Project Representative (RPR) services were included on an as-requested basis, as this will be a fairly quick electrical project. Much of the work will require testing before installation and does not need direct, continuous oversight. HRG will coordinate with staff to determine when their presence is necessary and will be on site for all testing, which has been included in the scope. Mr. Hartz inquired if the equipment would be above ground and asked about fencing. Mr. Krauter confirmed that it would be above ground and praised Mr. Burkholder for his excellent coordination with the parcel owners. He also confirmed that the fencing plan has been finalized and has not changed. Mr. Burkholder agreed. Mr. Krauter added that there are flood mitigation measures involved, whether the equipment sits above ground or behind walls to protect the wetlands. With no further questions or comments, the Board proceeded.

A motion was made by Mr. Spangler seconded by Mr. Bailes to approve Supplement No.1 for the Jamesway Pump Station Generator Project, for the Additional Design, Bidding, and Construction Administration services, in the amount of \$29,400.00. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approve/reject/table execution of McDonald's sanitary sewer access easement.

Solicitor Diamond explained that the concept had been approved prior to receiving the executed document, and they decided to add it to the agenda. He noted that this was just for a control manhole for inspection but mentioned he had the original document with him to sign that evening. Chairman Wilkinson acknowledged this, and the meeting proceeded.

A motion was made by Mr. Popp seconded by Mr. Hartz to approve execution of McDonald's sanitary sewer access easement. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approve/reject/table Financial Security Adjustment #2 (Revised) for PC#2022-08 Illuminated Integration Office and Trade Shop, for \$42,127.50 (Subdivision Bond No. GSA2400920).

Mr. Krauter, Engineer Representative, stated that he could provide additional clarity on the matter. He explained that most board members did not receive the revised recommendation in their packets, as it was only provided to staff around 3:00 PM on Friday, after the packets had been distributed. However, the email containing the revision was included. Ms. Luongo distributed the revised recommendation at the meeting. The primary revision was a correction in the designation—from "Financial Security Adjustment #3" to "Financial Security Adjustment #2." The recommendation made on July 25th was for a reduction to zero. Chairman Wilkinson inquired if there were any additional questions. Hearing none, the meeting proceeded.

A motion was made by Mr. Hartz seconded by Mr. Bailes to approve Financial Security Adjustment #2 (Revised) for PC#2022-08 Illuminated Integration Office and Trade Shop, for \$42,127.50 (Subdivision Bond No. GSA2400920). The motion was unanimously approved.

Approve/reject/table a recommendation to the LST Board of Commissioners regarding Financial Security Adjustment #4 for 2017-04 Phoenix Contact, Inc (Basin #3 Redesign), for \$188,887.62 (Irrevocable Standby LOC No. SB2111140001).

Mr. Krauter, Engineer Representative, stated that HRG made a recommendation for the adjustment down to \$0.00 on July 23, 2025. He inquired if Mr. Burkholder had anything further to add. Mr. Burkholder explained that the only reason a recommendation is being made to the Board is because the sewer improvements were tied into the overall bond, rather than being separated out. Chairman Wilkinson acknowledged the explanation and asked if there were any additional questions. Hearing none, the meeting proceeded.

A motion was made by Mr. Popp seconded by Mr. Spangler to approve a recommendation to the LST Board of Commissioners regarding Financial Security Adjustment #4 for 2017-04 Phoenix Contact, Inc (Basin #3 Redesign), for \$188,887.62 (Irrevocable Standby LOC No. SB2111140001). The motion was unanimously approved

Engineer's Report:

Mr. Krauter, Engineer Representative, thanked the Chairman and addressed the Board, stating that he had a few additional updates to share. He began by providing a brief status update on the Capital Campus Interceptor Improvements Project, noting that he plans to give a more detailed report at a future meeting. Regarding the Lumber Street Interceptor Project, he stated that he anticipates returning to the next meeting with a recommendation for contractor award. He also informed the Board that preparations are underway to move forward with the Act 537 Plan. An unofficial comment period was recently held, during which feedback was requested from both the Board and the Commissioners. Mr. Krauter noted that they plan to move ahead with the next steps over the coming month. He added that there will be additional opportunities for public comment, and the plan will be presented to both the Commissioners and the Planning Commission as part of the approval process. Providing an update on recent testing related to the Capital Campus project, Mr. Krauter reminded the Board that, two months ago, approval had been granted for ECS to conduct additional testing at 25 locations along the proposed interceptor alignment. This was done as a precautionary measure, even though historical records indicated the area was previously farmland and not within a known former landfill site. The testing results came back with only one detection, which was determined to be a lab cross-contamination at a low level. Mr. Krauter acknowledged Mr. Burkholder's efforts in coordinating with PA DEP during this process. The findings were submitted to DEP, which accepted the explanation and acknowledged the result as a lab error. Therefore, the results are being treated as showing no contamination across the 25 test pits. While the findings are encouraging, Mr. Krauter emphasized that this does not rule out the possibility of encountering unforeseen conditions during construction. He explained that the Authority is currently seeking clarification from PA DEP as to whether further testing will be required during the construction phase. In his experience, such a waiver would be unusual, but pending DEP's response, the Authority will work with the Solicitor and staff to finalize the contract terms and move the project forward accordingly. He concluded by noting that Mrs. Kiess brought the full report for the Board's reference. While only a summary was provided in the Board packet, the complete report, approximately 1.5 inches thick, is available for review or borrowing. With no further questions from the Board, Mr. Krauter concluded his report, and the Board proceeded to the Manager's Report.

Engineer's Report: Summary of recent activities performed on behalf of the Municipal Authority of the Township of Lower Swatara (Authority) from June 19, 2025 – July 22, 2025:

Act 537 Planning

The Project includes a review of the existing Act 537 Plan and considering the Township's significant changes over the years. The Plan update includes a comprehensive township-wide approach for sewage facility planning, evaluation of existing public sewage facilities, existing privately held sewer systems, and on-lot systems (OLDS).

A draft plan was sent to the Board of Commissioners and Municipal Authority Board on February 19, 2025 for an unofficial review.

2024 Sanitary Sewer CIPP Lining Project

HRG has received all closeout documents for this Project from the Contractor. HRG submitted the reimbursement request from the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) for the COVID-19 ARPA PA Small Water and Sewer (SWS) Grant on June 27, 2025.

Lumber Street Interceptor Improvements Project

The Project consists of upsizing the current interceptor in and along Lumber Street for approximately 2,300 LF of 12” to 18” PVC pipping. The Authority has been awarded a CFA H2O PA Project Grant for this Project.

The Project was advertised for public bidding on July 22, 2025. HRG has provided Supplement No. 2 including Construction Administration and Grant Administration for the Board’s review.

Highspire Borough Authority (HBA) – WWTP Biosolids System and Dewatering Improvements Project

No update.

Jamesway Pump Station Generator Installation Project

The Project includes preparation of drawing sheets and technical specifications for use in obtaining COSTARS quotes for material procurement and installation of a backup generator at the Jamesway Pump Station.

A COSTARS quote for the backup generator and associated equipment was approved by the Authority. At the September 23, 2024 meeting, the Board decided that this Project should be publicly bid, as opposed to having installation be through the manufacturer. HRG has provided Supplement No. 1 for these additional services for the Boards review.

Capital Campus Interceptor Improvements Project

The Project includes the Capital Campus Sanitary Sewer Interceptor (Interceptor) improvements to provide additional sewer capacity in the interceptor for further land development in the area. Sags, deteriorated pipe, and minimal slopes were observed during the evaluation of land development capacity requests. The Authority has been awarded a CFA Local Share Account Grant for this Project.

HRG has also met with LSTMA staff and solicitor to discuss risks associated with the excavation within the Superfund site. We have prepared several conceptual cost estimates for alternative conveyance of the sewer and continue to discuss soil storage sites with Project stakeholders.

ECS Mid-Atlantic, LLC, on behalf of the Authority, completed the pre-construction geophysical investigation and soil sampling at 25 locations along the proposed sewer alignment on June 10, 2025. ECS Mid-Atlantic, LLC completed the Soil Testing for Sewer Improvements Project report on July 14, 2025. The Report states that only one location had a contaminant that was above the PADEP Clean Fill concentration limit which was Methylene Chloride, and it is believed that this is a laboratory contaminant.

2024 CIP Stormwater Improvement Project

The additional SUE work has been completed and surveyed in the field for Richard Rd. We expect final confirmation of utility depths in the next week or so to be able to attempt additional engineering solutions to resolve the high-pressure gas line and waterline conflicts. We prepared and submitted the HOP for the Lumber St work within the Rt 283 corridor and that is now in review.

Municipal Bond Projects (Sanitary and Stormwater Projects)

We have received the final survey base files to begin preliminary storm sewer layout to prepare subsurface utility engineering needs recommendations for field evaluation.

LAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS UPDATE

The Pond on Fulling Mill (Retirement Community)

HRG reviewed and provided all submittals and revised plans reviews on March 11, 2025.

Penn State Turf Field

No update.

Jednota South Warehouse

HRG has not received the as-built for this project yet for review.

Union Knoll (ONSITE)

The Board of Commissioners conditionally approved the land development plan at their March 20, 2024, meeting. They continue to work through the developer's agreement (approved to enter into agreement at the September 18, 2024, meeting), Highway Occupancy Permitting and sewer capacity issue to prepare the site for recording.

A Financial Security Option of Probable Cost was provided on June 10, 2024, and HRG reviewed and provided comments on July 17, 2024. HRG has reviewed and provided a Plan Review No.3 on November 4, 2024. Sanitary Sewer Submittals were provided and HRG provided reviews for all submittals on May 2, 2025.

HRG has reviewed and provided a Transportation Impact Study Review Letter No. 1 on October 16, 2024.

1801 Oberlin Road – 1 Lot

HRG has reviewed and provided a Plan Review No.1 on December 19, 2023. There are sanitary sewer comments that need to be addressed.

Illuminated Integration

Construction continues at the site.

Penn Preserve

Construction continues at the site.

UGI CNG Facility

Sanitary Sewer Submittals were provided on May 13, 2024 and are currently under review. Construction continues at the site.

Aberdeen Subdivision

The Highway Occupancy Permit submission was reviewed and additional comments were provided on January 2, 2025.

The updated plans dated October 20, 2023, were reviewed and responded to with Plan Review No. 4 on November 10, 2023. There are sanitary sewer comments that need to be addressed.

Colony of Old Reliance

HRG has reviewed and provided Plan Review No.2 on March 11, 2024. There are sanitary sewer comments that need to be addressed.

Wawa & Quick Serve Restaurant

Construction has been completed for Wawa. The final inspection for the improvements included within the Financial Security was conducted on June 24, 2025. HRG has provided a maintenance security guarantee reduction recommendation letter for the Board review.

The Quick Serve Restaurant has been identified as McDonalds. HRG has reviewed and provided Plan Review No. 3 on May 22, 2025. All sanitary sewer comments have been addressed.

MASD Elementary School

Sanitary Sewer Submittals were provided and HRG provided reviews for all submittals on March 4, 2025. Construction continues at the site.

MASD requested that the Authority evaluate the Authority's Middle School Pump Station and confirm if MASD's proposed private Elementary School Pump Station can flow into the Authority's Middle School Pump Station instead of discharge into a downstream gravity sewer main. HRG evaluated the Middle School Pump Station and are awaiting updated pump data from MASD's Engineer to confirm if this connection can be made without causing capacity issues at the Middle School Pump Station.

Catherine Hershey School

Construction has completed at the site and Final Inspection was requested by the Developer on July 15, 2025. HRG is currently working with the Authority Staff to schedule the final inspection.

Cramer Auto LDP

Construction continues at the site.

CVBP Lot 3 & 4 (REVISED)

Construction continues at the site.

PSU-Harrisburg ALC & Chiller Building

HRG has reviewed and provided Plan Review No. 3 on April 14, 2025. There are sanitary sewer comments that need to be addressed. This plan was also conditionally approved by the Board of Commissioners at their meeting on October 16, 2024.

Brook Meadow Farms

This plan was tabled by the Planning Commission at their August 22, 2024, meeting and will be on the agenda for a future meeting. HRG has reviewed and provided Plan Review No.2 on February 6, 2025. There are sanitary sewer comments that need to be addressed.

Steelton Terminal

This plan was approved by the Board of Commissioners at their August 21, 2024, meeting.

Middletown Home

HRG has reviewed and provided Plan Review No.1 on July 22, 2025.

Stone Creek Meadows- Phase 1 (Final Plan)

HRG has reviewed and provided Plan Review No.5 and Financial Security Recommendation on December 17, 2024. This plan was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission at their September 26, 2024, meeting.

The Developer is working through remaining items to prepare the plan for recording.

Cramer Auto LDP PH II

HRG has reviewed and provided Plan Review No. 2 on December 17, 2024. There are sanitary sewer comments that need to be addressed.

The Board of Commissioners at their February 19, 2025 Legislative Meeting conditionally approved the plan, waivers, and deferrals for this project.

6121 Leon Avenue

Plans were provided on April 15, 2025 and were reviewed by the Township SEO. The Planning Commission recommended conditional approval at their March 27, 2025 meeting. A financial security cost estimate was provided on July 7, 2025 and HRG is currently reviewing it.

Greenfield Drive & Blue Raider Lane Improvements

HRG has reviewed and provided Plan Review No. 3 on April 8, 2025. There are sanitary sewer comments and financial security comments that need to be addressed. The Planning Commission tabled this at their March 27, 2025 meeting.

Polumbia

HRG has reviewed and provided Plan Review No. 2 on May 12, 2025. There are sanitary sewer comments that need to be addressed. The Planning Commission tabled this at their March 27, 2025 meeting.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this report or other items.

Manager Report:

Mr. Border thanked the Chairman and provided an update to the Board regarding the Capital Campus project. He reported that the Authority has still not received the required easement for the Capital Lane property. He noted that the matter was discussed during the staff meeting held on Wednesday, during which potential next steps were considered in the event the easement is not received in a timely manner. Mr. Border explained that if the easement is not provided, the Authority may need to pursue condemnation in order to secure the property and proceed with the project. He stated that a resolution authorizing this step may be presented at the next Board meeting if there continues to be no progress. Solicitor Diamond confirmed this position, stating that although the property owner had previously indicated the easement was forthcoming, as of Friday, it had still not been received. He emphasized that the project cannot safely proceed without formal access and noted that he had already contacted the appraiser to begin the necessary process. Chairman Wilkinson remarked that, in his experience, sometimes giving notice prompts action. Solicitor Diamond responded that while this may be the case, the risk of continuing without access is too great. He added that, if necessary, condemnation would likely be more straightforward than vacating and returning later. Mr. Border concluded his report, indicating he had nothing further to add. With no questions or comments from the Board, the meeting proceeded to the Municipal Authority Representatives Report.

Municipal Authority Representative Report:

Middle School Pump Station Connection Request

Mr. Burkholder provided the Board with several updates. He reported that the school has submitted a request to reduce certain spending and has also expressed interest in connecting to the Authority's pump station located at the middle school. Mr. Burkholder noted that, following the unintentional flow test of approximately 102,000 gallons that occurred over the weekend, the connection appeared to be feasible. As a result, HRG was asked to evaluate the request and identified three parameters that would need to be met for the connection to proceed. K&W subsequently submitted revised plans that met those parameters, and HRG concurred that the criteria had been satisfied. It was noted that the school will still need to seek a change through DEP. Mr. Burkholder asked whether the Board was generally favorable to allowing the school to connect to the middle school pump station. Chairman Wilkinson responded that, provided

the pump station meets the necessary design criteria, he would prefer to have one less pump station rather than more and viewed the proposal as a potential benefit. Mr. Burkholder clarified that the overall number of pump stations would remain the same, as the school would be pumping to the Authority's pump station, while their own station would remain private. Mr. Krauter, the engineering representative, added that the only proposed change involves the connection point of the force main. Under the existing plan, the force main connects to the gravity system downstream of the middle school pump station. The school is now proposing to tie into the gravity system upstream, which would direct their flow through the Authority's pump station. Mr. Burkholder noted that this revision would eliminate the need to cross a stream and reduce the force main by approximately 750 feet. Mr. Krauter agreed with this assessment. Mr. Burkholder added that, due to the costs associated with the stream crossing, the school was exploring this alternative as a cost-saving measure. Mr. Krauter further stated that, with a few modifications, the middle school pump station should be able to accommodate the flow. He acknowledged that the connection would consume most of the remaining capacity at the station but confirmed that projected EDUs for anticipated connections and limited future buildout had already been considered. Chairman Wilkinson noted that it appeared future buildout had been accounted for and, given the limited potential for new connections in that area, he did not see a problem with the request but welcomed feedback from the Board. Mr. Border commented that the school had been working well with the Authority. Mr. Hartz inquired whether the proposed change would result in additional flow through the pump station, to which Chairman Wilkinson confirmed it would. He added that the 102,000-gallon incident had served as a useful stress test and confirmed that the station could handle the additional flow. He also noted that permitting the connection allows the Authority to require upgrades in the future, if necessary. Mr. Burkholder agreed, stating that any future request for additional capacity would require upgrades. Solicitor Diamond inquired whether this proposal would affect the Triple Crown development. Mr. Burkholder confirmed it would not. He explained that, per the agreement with Triple Crown, the school still cannot connect until the planned upgrade is complete. Chairman Wilkinson added that the Triple Crown connection is proposed to occur downstream, whereas the school's revised connection would be upstream. Mr. Krauter confirmed this as accurate. Mr. Burkholder stated that no motion was being requested at this time but that one may be brought forward at the next meeting. Chairman Wilkinson commented that he did not see any issues. Mr. Popp added that, as long as all requirements are met, he was in favor. The Board thanked Mr. Burkholder for the opportunity to provide input.

DTMA Agreement Update

Mr. Burkholder then referred the Board to materials included in their meeting packets, noting that DTMA had returned a draft agreement, which he forwarded to Mr. Diamond for review. Once reviewed, any feedback or comments from the Board can be incorporated ahead of the next meeting. He noted that the item may be placed on the agenda for possible approval. Solicitor Diamond asked if Mr. Burkholder had any additional staff comments. Mr. Burkholder replied that he did not. Solicitor Diamond confirmed he would review the agreement, noting that the amendment language included references to current EDUs.

Camera Truck Upgrade Discussion

Mr. Burkholder concluded his report by raising a request from Mr. Washinger regarding potential upgrades to the Authority's camera truck. He explained that the Authority is considering the purchase of a launch camera system, which would allow for lateral inspections. He reported that two systems had been demoed and were successful in identifying issues such as root intrusion. A recent example included a root issue on Rosedale, where the property owner was notified and able to address the problem. Mr. Burkholder asked whether the Board was generally in favor of exploring a camera system upgrade. Chairman Wilkinson asked whether the camera truck is the repurposed ambulance. Mr. Burkholder confirmed that it is, noting that the truck currently has generator issues and no air conditioning. Mr. Hartz inquired about the cost, and Mr. Burkholder estimated approximately \$200,000, while noting that other options may be available. He clarified that this is more of a forecast for future planning, not an immediate request. Chairman Wilkinson commented that if an upgrade is pursued, the Authority should invest in a system that allows for lateral inspections, which are often necessary due to root overgrowth. Mr. Burkholder cited an example on Lakeside Drive to support the point. Mr. Hartz asked whether it was too late to include the item in the upcoming budget. Mr. Border responded that budget discussions will begin at the end of August and that a full capital budget will be available at that time. Chairman Wilkinson agreed that the item should be planned for. With no additional questions or comments, the Board proceeded to the MS4 Report.

MS4 Report:

Mr. Davis, MS4 Coordinator, began his report by thanking Camp Hill Borough for hosting StormFest. He noted that the Authority participated in the event last week and reported a positive turnout, estimating that approximately 100 individuals stopped by the Authority's booth to ask questions. He also acknowledged WREP for providing additional materials, which allowed the Authority to address a broader range of inquiries. Mr. Davis stated that it was a productive and well-attended event. Mr. Davis then provided an update on the WREP program. He reported that a meeting was held the previous Wednesday, during which the project scope for the GIS Mapping initiative was finalized. The overall cost was significantly lower than initially anticipated, with the Township's portion estimated to be approximately \$12,000–\$13,000. He explained that this is a favorable cost given the extent of services included—such as reviewing land development plans, scanning documents, and inspecting all BMPs. Additionally, Mr. Davis provided a brief update on the Growing Greener Grant that WREP submitted on behalf of the Township. He shared that there are now two projects under consideration: the joint project within the Township and a stream restoration project in Middletown Borough. Two other projects were removed due to a lack of interest or time constraints from the respective townships. Tri-County Regional Planning Commission anticipates hearing back on the status of the grants by January. Mr. Davis also addressed a stormwater issue located on Ebenezer Road at the intersection of Longview Drive. He and Mr. Burkholder had investigated a residential complaint that stormwater was draining onto the roadway rather than into the roadside swale. Upon inspection, they discovered that soil shifting, or settlement may have caused the culvert pipe to become misaligned. The pipe, a corrugated metal pipe (CMP), is aging and shows significant signs of deterioration. Mr. Davis recommended replacing the pipe. He noted that the estimated cost may approach the \$23,000 threshold, but they are awaiting final estimates. Due to the T-intersection, the design may require the installation of a manhole, and a full memo will be included in the next board packets. Chairman Wilkinson inquired whether a slip-lining repair would be feasible for the corrugated pipe. Mr. Krauter responded that while slip-lining is an option in general, it requires the majority of the host pipe to remain structurally intact. HRG staff reviewed the condition of the pipe and determined that it is too deteriorated for slip-lining to be a viable option. Mr. Davis confirmed this, adding that the pipe's location at a non-linear intersection would further complicate slip-lining. He also noted that the plan includes realigning the pipe to properly discharge into the swale, which slip-lining would not address. Chairman Wilkinson acknowledged that if slip-lining had been feasible, it could have resulted in cost savings. Mr. Davis reiterated that while the method had been considered, it would not be beneficial for this particular repair. He concluded by stating that no Board action was required at this time. Chairman Wilkinson asked whether there had been any new members added to WREP. Mr. Davis replied that there had not, speculating that many municipalities may be waiting to see the updated requirements for the next MS4 permit cycle. Chairman Wilkinson commented that there are several larger townships that one would expect to participate in a collaborative program like WREP. Mr. Davis agreed, stating that the benefits of regional collaboration are becoming more apparent and that other municipalities are recognizing the importance of working together. Chairman Wilkinson added that some projects are simply too large for individual municipalities to manage on their own. Mr. Davis agreed and noted that by next year, the Township should have measurable results, including cost savings, completed GIS mapping, and possibly awarded Growing Greener grant funds. The Board thanked Mr. Davis for his update. With no further questions or comments, the meeting proceeded.

Approve July Expenses for the Sewer Revenue Fund.

A motion was made by Mr. Popp seconded by Mr. Spangler to approve the July Expenses for the Sewer Revenue Fund in the amount of \$411,086.70. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approve July Expenses for Stormwater Fund:

A motion was made by Mr. Popp, seconded by Mr. Bailes, to approve the July expenses for the Stormwater Fund in the amount of \$57,308.98. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Wilkinson inquired whether there was any Old Business to address. Chairman Wilkinson then asked whether there was any New Business. Hearing none, he noted that there would be no executive session, and the Board proceeded with the remainder of the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Popp, seconded by Mr. Hartz. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

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Dominique Kiess, Recording Secretary

