

# MINUTES

LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

16, April 2024

The Meeting of the Board of the Lower Salford Township Authority was held on April 16, 2024, at the Lower Salford Township office 379 Main Street, Harleysville PA. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Karl Janetka, Chairman.

## PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE:

- A. Member: Karl Janetka, Chairman; Dave Scheuren, Vice-Chairman; Jim Natale, Treasurer; Barry Bohmueller, Secretary and Dave Spause, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.
- B. Staff: Craig Forwood, Operations Manager; Connie Weimer, Business Manager; and Paul Mullin, Esq., Hamburg Rubin Mullin Maxwell & Lupin.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon the motion of Mr. Spause, seconded by Mr. Scheuren, the Board voted to approve the Minutes of the March 19, 2024, meeting by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against.

## PUBLIC FORUM:

Jessica Bancroft of 321 Kinsey Road introduced herself as a new resident who is interested in getting involved in the community.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

The written report of the Treasurer, dated April 16, 2024, was distributed and is attached to the Minutes as Exhibit "A." The activity of \$266,118.07 includes Operating Expenses for \$84,745.90, Capital Requisitions for \$25,365.97, PLGIT Procurement Card Operating for \$59,611.12, and \$96,395.08 for payroll, federal and state tax transfers. There was \$8,631.74 of Professional Services Escrow Releases, and no Construction Escrow releases and no Maintenance Bond releases. Upon the motion of Mr. Bohmueller, seconded by Mr. Scheuren, the Board voted to approve the April 16, 2024, Treasurer's Reports by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against.

## SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Mullin reported on attending a meeting with the Authority staff and representatives from Eddy Homes on the 931 Harleysville Pike project. Agreements for the Lederach Village Homes projects are in process as the project is being sold.

## PLANT OPERATIONS REPORT:

- A. The Plant Operations Report dated April 16, 2024, was distributed, and is attached to these Minutes as Exhibit "D."
- B. The monthly flow comparison reports for March 2023 and March 2024 were distributed to the Board Members and are attached to these Minutes as Exhibit "C."

- C. **Mainland Plant Influent Pump #1** – Mr. Forwood presented quotes to either rebuild pump #1 or to purchase a new pump. Based on the age of the pump from 2009 and a minimal difference in cost, the recommendation is to purchase a new pump from Mid Atlantic & Equipment Company. The cost was included in the capital budget at an estimate of \$22,000. Upon the motion of Mr. Bohmueller, seconded by Mr. Scheuren, the Board approved the purchase of a new influent pump from Mid Atlantic Pump & Equipment Company at a cost of \$25,160 by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against.
- D. **Harleysville Plant** – Mr. Forwood presented a Costars quote from Kappe Associates Inc to purchase two Excelsior Blower Systems at a cost of \$66,230. The new blowers are quieter and would replace the equipment from 2001. The cost was included to rebuild the blowers in the 2024 capital budget. Upon the motion of Mr. Bohmueller, seconded by Mr. Janetka, the Board voted to approve the purchase of two blowers from Excelsior Blower Systems at a Costars cost of \$66,230 by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against.
- E. **Mainland Plant NPDES Violation** - Mr. Forwood advised the Board that he anticipates a violation for CBOD in April due to a rain event with high flows that occurred at the end of March and continued through April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:

- A. The written Business Report dated April 16, 2024, was distributed and is attached to these Minutes as Exhibit “E”.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Storm Incident** – During a storm on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, an employee’s vehicle was hit by a falling branch in the Mainland Plant parking lot. We filed a claim with our insurance company, but were advised this would not be covered since we were an Authority. There is minimal damage, similar to hail damage. The recommendation is for the employee to have the repairs done at the Authority’s cost. The Board was in agreement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, upon the motion of Mr. Natale, seconded by Mr. Bohmueller, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Weimer