

MINUTES

LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

17, September 2024

The Meeting of the Board of the Lower Salford Township Authority was held on September 17, 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, Authority Solicitor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon the motion of Mr. Bohmueller, seconded by Mr. Scheuren, the Board voted to approve the Minutes of the August 20, 2024, meeting by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The written report of the Treasurer, dated September 17, 2024, was distributed and is attached to the Minutes as Exhibit "A." The activity of \$303,489.26 includes Operating Expenses for \$186,549.43, Capital Requisitions for \$8,342.19, PLGIT Procurement Card Operating for \$19,655.60, and \$88,942.04 for payroll, federal and state tax transfers. There were \$20,990.64 of Professional Services Escrow Releases, and \$35,250.00 of a Construction Escrow release for MJ Acquisitions Lederach Project. There were no Maintenance Bonds. Upon the motion of Mr. Natale, seconded by Mr. Spause, the Board voted to approve the September 17, 2024, Treasurer's Reports by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Mullin reported the Deeds of Dedications from the last meeting were recorded. A meeting was held with the developer of MJ Acquisitions, the former Lederach Homes project to discuss the recent change from apartments to condominiums and the potential impact that may have on DEP's prior approval. As a result of contacting DEP for clarification, DEP provided a written response that no new planning would be required and there would be no change in ownership of the collection system. Mr. Mullin contacted the Township's Solicitor regarding the increase in the number of developments that are now required by DEP to have a back-up power source for grinder pumps serving multiple units. The Township may want to consider drafting additional specifications for back-up generators.

PLANT OPERATIONS REPORT:

- A. The Plant Operations Report dated September 17, 2024, was distributed, and is attached to these Minutes as Exhibit "D."

- B. The monthly flow comparison reports for August 2023 and August 2024 were distributed to the Board Members and are attached to these Minutes as Exhibit “C.”
- C. **Mainland Plant Replace Influent Pump #3** – Mr. Forwood presented a Costars quote from Mid Atlantic Pump & Equipment Company in the amount of \$29,810 to replace pump #3 at the Mainland Plant Influent Pump Station. This will be the third and final pump to be replaced. Upon the motion of Mr. Bohmueller, seconded by Mr. Scheuren, the Board voted to approve the purchase from Mid Atlantic Pump & Equipment Company in the amount of \$29,810 by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against.
- D. **Harleysville Plant** – Mr. Forwood presented a proposal from Eastern Environmental Contractors Inc. in the amount of \$51,520 to supply and install a Jib Crane at the plant. Several options including a gantry crane have been explored to date. Given the cost of the jib crane, the decision was made to continue to research other alternatives.
- E. **Harleysville Plant** – The quote for the storm flow gate and actuator was not received, therefore; a decision will be deferred until the next meeting.
- F. **Oak Ridge Pump Station Easements** – The agreements have been drafted to include the design route agreed upon with the two property owners. The Board agreed with the staff’s compensation recommendation. Mr. Mullin will prepare the compensation agreements.
- G. **Quarry Road Pump Station Replace Muffin Monster** – Mr. Forwood presented a quote from JWC Environmental in the amount of \$15,643.45 to purchase a new muffin monster for the Quarry Road pump station. The current equipment is six (6) years old. Upon the motion of Mr. Bohmueller, seconded by Mr. Scheuren, the Board voted to approve the purchase from JWC Environmental in the amount of \$15,643.45, by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against.

BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:

- A. The written Business Report dated September 17, 2024, was distributed and is attached to these Minutes as Exhibit “E”.
- B. **CIFV VI DEV PA1M03, LLC 59 Fretz Road** – The Reservation of Capacity Agreement expires August 31, 2024. The developer requested the agreement be extended. Upon further discussion, the Board agreed to extend the agreement for two years.
- C. **Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation 2025** - Upon the motion of Mr. Bohmueller, seconded by Mr. Spause, the Board voted to approve the 2025 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Defined Benefit Pension Plan in the amount of \$31,134 and \$17,384 for the Defined Contribution Pension Plan, by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against.
- D. **Mainland Pointe Addendum to Agreement for Construction of Sewer Lines** – The agreement was not available for review.

E. **Development Summary** – Ms. Weimer reviewed the developments under construction and those that are currently under plan review with the Authority.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. DuBree will begin to attend the Workshop meetings effective October 2, 2024.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board retired into executive session at 8:17 pm to discuss a collection matter. The public meeting reconvened at 8:28 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, upon the motion of Mr. Bohmueller, seconded by Mr. Scheuren, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Weimer