

MINUTES

LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

7, August 2024

The Meeting of the Board of the Lower Salford Township Authority was held on August 7, 2024, in person and via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 a.m. by Karl Janetka, Chairman.

PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE:

- A. Members: Karl Janetka, Chairman; Dave Scheuren, Vice-Chairman; Barry Bohmueller, Secretary; and Jim Natale Treasurer.
- B. Staff: Craig Forwood, P.E. Operations Manager; Connie Weimer, Business Manager.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon the motion of Mr. Natale, seconded by Mr. Janetka, the Board voted to approve the Minutes of the June 5, 2024, meeting by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 against.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

OPERATIONS MANAGER:

- A. **Status Long Range Projects** – Mr. Forwood presented his report. A copy of the report is included with these minutes. Gilmore resubmitted a response to DEP for the 537 Plan. The major portion of the Harleysville SCADA project is finished. There will be a few minor adjustments to the system. The property owners on Farmview Drive are agreeable to the design route. The next step is to mark out the trees that will have to be removed. Specialty Sewer Services is tentatively scheduled for September. Gilmore started the sketch plan for the Mainland Plant centrifuge. There is no change to the Mainland Plant rerate study and there has been no decision on the outstanding grant programs.

BUSINESS MANAGER:

- A. **CIV VI DEV PA1M03, LLC – 59 Fretz Road Reservation of Capacity Agreement** – The current reservation of capacity agreement is due to expire on August 31, 2024. Based on a review of the water usage, the facility is not using the purchased sewer capacity. The developer was advised of our findings and reminded of the expiration date to make a decision on the additional sewer capacity.
- B. **488 Harleysville Pike** – The Authority received a sewer capacity application from Orleans for 26 units. Gilmore prepared a preliminary review letter as the parcel is located within the Harleysville Plant service area. Upon the motion of Mr. Janetka, seconded by Mr. Bohmueller, the Board voted to approve the sewer capacity application for 26 units, by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 against.
- C. **355 Maple Avenue Payment Plan Request** – The owner of the parcel requested an extension of the past due sewer account balance. The Authority received half of the quarterly payment with the remainder due by the end of August.
- D. **Jacob's Crossing Kay Builders Escrow Release #2** – Upon the motion of Mr. Janetka, seconded by Mr. Natale, the Board voted to approve the escrow release for Jacob's Crossing in the amount of \$74,247.91, by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 against.
- E. **2024 Holiday Dinner – December 6th or December 13th** - The Board agreed to the December 13th date.

OLD BUSINESS:

Staffing Update – The new employee started on August 1st.

110 Cassell Road – The Authority received a second inquiry for sewer location in the area.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lederach Village Homes – The new owner of the project is planning on selling the units as condominiums rather than rental apartments. The DEP and Authority approvals were based upon rental units. The staff will coordinate a meeting with the new owner to discuss the impact this change may have on the ownership of the collections system.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, upon the motion of Mr. Janetka, seconded by Mr. Bohmueller, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:55 a.m. by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 against.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Weimer