

MINUTES

LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

6, July 2022

The Workshop Meeting of the Board of the Lower Salford Township Authority was held on July 6, 2022, In person and via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. by Karl Janetka, Chairman.

PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon the motion of Mr. Prescott, seconded by Mr. Natale, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2022, meeting by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

OPERATIONS MANAGER:

- A. **Status Long Range Projects** – Mr. Forwood presented his report. The staff met with the three property owners to discuss the proposed easement area and an owner adjacent to the project site. The next step is to have Gilmore stake out the easement area and meet with the property owners to determine which trees will have to be removed. HPT should be at the Harleysville Plant this week to work on the automation. The maintenance software is on hold until the VPN's can be installed to be able to use the tablets remotely. Sewer Specialty Services is to submit a schedule for the televising work. The contractor for the orbital cleaning has not submitted his schedule to date.
- B. **Manhole Lining Utility Services Group (USG)** – Mr. Forwood presented a Costars quote from USG in the amount of \$28,843 to line and repair 4 manholes which are currently leaking. Upon the motion of Mr. Janetka, seconded by Mr. Prescott, the Board voted to approve the USG Costars quote in the amount of \$28,843 to repair and line 4 manholes, by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against.
- C. **Mainland Plant Influent Pump Station Fence** – Mr. Forwood presented a revised Costars quote from Tri-Boro Fencing in the amount of \$43,407. The prior quote was \$49,642. The revised quote includes a combination of chain link and aluminum fencing and a manual slide gate rather than an automated gate. If necessary, the gate can be converted to an automatic gate in the future. Upon the motion of Mr. Prescott, seconded by Mr. Bohmueller, the Board voted to approve the Costars quote of \$43,407 by Tri-Boro Fencing by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against.
- D. **Vernfield Generator Installation** – The contractor did not provide an updated quote in time for the meeting.
- E. **Old Chemical Disposal** – Mr. Forwood presented a quote from Univar Solutions for \$6,510 to remove approximately 110 gallons of old chemicals and twenty-five old fifty-five-gallon drums from the plants. Upon the motion of Mr. Bohmueller, seconded by Mr. Prescott, the Board voted to approve the Costars quote of \$6,510 from Univar Solutions, by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against.

BUSINESS MANAGER:

A. **710 Schlosser Road Connection** – The property owner contacted the Authority office requesting a payoff amount to satisfy the lien against his property. The property was included in the Morris and Schlosser Road project in 2007, but the owner never complied with the requirement to either connect to the sewer or sign a deferred connection agreement. Therefore, the Authority filed a lien against the property. Ms. Weimer explained the changes to the cost components since the lien was filed and recommended the Board approve accepting the \$6,000 special purpose tapping fee and \$6,565 for the current tapping fee. Although the owner indicated he intends to connect to the public sewer, the recommendation is to draft an agreement which includes a time period that the connection must be completed. Upon the motion of Mr. Natale, seconded by Mr. Bohmueller, the Board voted to approve the recommendation as presented by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against.

Ms. Weimer requested an item be added to the agenda regarding the transfer of funds to the PLGIT account for the purchase of new CDs. Upon the motion of Mr. Bohmueller, seconded by Mr. Prescott, the Board agreed to add the item to the agenda by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against.

B. **PLGIT CD Account** – Due to the increase in interest rates for CDs at PLGIT, Ms. Weimer requested the Board's approval to transfer \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 from the TD Bank Revenue account to the PLGIT account to purchase additional CDs. Upon the motion of Mr. Bohmueller, seconded by Mr. Natale, the Board authorized the transfer of funds as presented from the TD Bank Revenue account to the PLGIT account to purchase additional CDs by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against.

OLD BUSINESS:

Franconia Sewer Authority Update – Based on the Authority's letter to FSA, the Godshall facility must reduce their water usage to within the purchased sewer capacity by the end of July.

July 19, 2022 Meeting – As a reminder, the July 19th meeting has been cancelled.

NEW BUSINESS:

Eye On Development – Mr. Bohmueller discussed a newsletter he recently received by email from the Lower Salford Township which provided a listing of the development projects in the township. Due to the number of projects and the impact to the Authority's capacity, it was suggested the email be forwarded to the other Board members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, upon the motion of Mr. Prescott, seconded by Mr. Scheuren, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:35 am. by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 against.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Weimer