

MINUTES

LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

7, September 2022

The Workshop Meeting of the Board of the Lower Salford Township Authority was held on September 7, 2022, In person and via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 a.m. by Karl Janetka, Chairman.

PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE:

- A. Members: Karl Janetka, Chairman; Richard Prescott, Vice-Chairman; 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. Scheuren, seconded by Mr. Prescott, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the August 3, 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. A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow to review the easements with the Authority engineer for Quarry Road. ACS is to finish the fiber optics installation at the Harleysville Plant in the next several weeks. The VPN connections are being installed on the operator's tablets next week by HPT. Sewer Specialty Services finished the I&I work for the year.
- B. **Hunting Request Mainland Plant Property** – Mr. Forwood presented a request from two local residents from the fire company to hunt deer with bow & arrow only at the Mainland Plant. The Board approved the request as long as they stayed along the stream and away from any houses.
- C. **Harleysville Plant RAS/WAS Pumps Spare Parts \$8,705** – Mr. Forwood reported on the purchase of spare parts to have on hand for the new pumps. The Board agreed with the purchase.
- D. **Replace Obsolete Lab Equipment \$6,187.06** – Mr. Forwood reported on the purchase of a new Ph and ammonia meter to replace the obsolete equipment. The Board agreed with the decision to purchase the new equipment.
- E. **Spot Repair Collection System** – Sewer Specialties Services completed the televising of the four areas. There are approximately 15 sites to be repaired at a cost of \$26,624. The original budget was \$175,000 with \$122,000 spent to date. The repairs would be under budget for the year. Upon the motion of Mr. Bohmueller, seconded by Mr. Natale, the Board voted to approve the repair work of \$26,624 by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 against.
- F. **Sewer Specialty Services Contract Change Order #3** – Mr. Forwood presented change order #3 to add the cost of televising and cleaning of 24" diameter pipe that was not included in the original contract. The increase includes \$3,925.35 for 1,287 l.f. of pipe. Upon the motion of Mr. Bohmueller, seconded by Mr. Natale, the Board voted to approve change order #3 by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 against.
- G. **Mainland Plant SSO** – Mr. Forwood reported that an SSO occurred on September 6, 2022 where the orbal overflowed. The area received 3.8 inches of rain. The SSO was reported to DEP.

BUSINESS MANAGER:

- A. **Resolution No. 22-09-07 Disposition Resolution by the Lower Salford Township Authority for the Destruction of Specific Records** – Upon the motion of Mr. Bohmueller, seconded by Mr. Janetka, the Board voted to approve Resolution No. 22-09-07 by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 against.

- B. **Building Lot #13 Christopher Lane Request for Sewer Service** – The Authority received an application to connect a proposed building which includes offices and warehouse to the existing sewer main in Christopher Lane. Based on a review by the Authority’s engineer, the new project will require 2 EDUS. Upon the motion of Mr. Prescott, seconded by Mr. Janetka, the Board voted to approve the request to connect the proposed building to the sanitary sewer by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against.

OLD BUSINESS:

Creekside at Mainland Meter pit cost Estimate/Billing – Ms. Weimer reviewed the memo which outlined the method to invoice each customer connected to the TMA interceptor under a Separate Billing District. A detailed spreadsheet was included to estimate the annual utility expenses and staff expenses to operate and maintain the meter pit. The Board questioned the number of invoices LSTA would have to prepare for the new development and how the Authority would recapture capital costs. Ms. Weimer is to prepare several examples of each customer’s invoice using the proposed billing method for the next meeting. The developer is scheduled to attend the next Authority meeting. The Board agreed they would consider the developer’s input, but no final decision would be made at that meeting.

Mr. Forwood provided an option for consideration for the two existing customers connected to the TMA interceptor. The properties could be serviced with a grinder pump to discharge to the Authority’s main and treatment at the Mainland Plant. This would eliminate the impact to those customers for the potential increase to their future sewer invoices.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, upon the motion of Mr. Prescott, seconded by Mr. Janetka, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:59 a.m. by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 against.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Weimer