# **MINUTES**

#### LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

June 17, 2025

The Meeting of the Board of Lower Salford Township Authority was held on June 17, 2025, at the Lower Salford Township office 379 Main Street, Harleysville PA. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Karl Janetka, Chairman.

#### PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE:

Member: Karl Janetka, Chairman; David Scheuren, Vice-Chairman; Barry Bohmueller, Secretary; Jim Natale, Treasurer; and David Spause, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

Staff: Craig Forwood, Operations Manager; Connie Weimer, Business Manager; Denise DuBree, Senior Financial Analyst; 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 May 21, 2025, meeting by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 against.

<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u>: None.

# TREASURER'S REPORT:

The written report of the Treasurer, dated June 17, 2025, was distributed and is attached to the Minutes as Exhibit "A." The activity of \$293,208.74 includes Operating Expenses of \$161,240.01, Capital Requisitions of \$62,715.60, PLGIT Procurement Card Operating Expenses of \$69,904.64, and Payroll, federal and state tax payments of \$62,064.09. There was \$25,578.10 for Professional Services Escrow Releases. There were no Maintenance Bond Releases or Developers Construction Escrow Releases. Upon the motion of Mr. Spause, seconded by Mr. Scheuren, the Board voted to approve the June 17, 2025 Treasurer's Report by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 against.

# SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Mullin attended the monthly staff meeting and advised that 196 Main Street agreement had been signed and tapping fees of \$253,175.00 have been paid. Mr. Mullin also advised on the Indian Creek TMDL litigation and informed that all parties have agreed to move forward with the appeal of the recent decision and that there was a scheduled call to see if EPA really wanted to move forward with the litigation but the call was postponed and possibly we would have a better idea next month of the status.

#### PLANT OPERATIONS REPORT:

The Plant Operations Report dated June 17, 2025, was distributed, and is attached to these Minutes as Exhibit "D."

The monthly flow comparison reports for May 2024 and May 2025 were distributed to the Board Members and are attached to these Minutes are Exhibit "C."

#### Mainland Ridge Pump Station Abandonment - Project Bidding

Mr. Forwood requested approval to put this project out to bid by advertisement in the North Penn Reporter tomorrow. The project has an estimated construction cost of \$325,000. Upon the motion of Mr. Bohmueller, seconded by Mr. Scheuren, the Board voted to approve the motion by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 against.

#### 480 Main St Lateral Replacement JH Freed

Mr. Forwood informed that the lateral repair was completed on June 17<sup>th</sup> and road will need remediation and eventually a permanent patch done. A passing motorist called and requested car detailing due to the coal patch sticking to their vehicle.

#### BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:

The written Business Report and Development Update dated June 17, 2025, was distributed and is attached to these Minutes as Exhibit "E".

# Development Update:

Ms. Weimer reported that there was a pre-construction meeting held with LSTA staff, Authority engineer and Spring Hill Realty executives and their contractor.

Ms. Weimer reported that there was a Highway Occupancy Permit submitted for 488 Harleysville Pike development.

Ms. Weimer reported that there was a pre-plan submission meeting held with LSTA staff, Authority engineer and Mike Doyle of Argus Properties.

House fires responded to by Harleysville Fire Company:

Ms. Weimer reported that several fires have occurred in the township recently. The current resolution regarding house fires related to sewer rental billing allows for a reduction of resident sewer rental rate to bill for 60% of the regular quarterly flat rate for up to a year after the date of the house fire. It was questioned whether we should consider a revision to the current resolution. Mr. Mullin stated that we may not be able to bill anything based on whether the resident property is inhabitable or not during the time that the homeowner is displaced from their home. Mr. Mullin will work on a draft of a new resolution.

OLD BUSINESS: None

# NEW BUSINESS:

Staffing Update – Mr. Forwood informed that the two new hires for the plant maintenance will be starting on Monday June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

# ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, upon the motion of Mr. Bohmueller, seconded by Mr. Scheuren, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise DuBree