

**MINUTES**  
**LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**  
**SEPTEMBER 28, 2009**

Vice Chairman Brokenshire called the Regular Meeting of the Lower Swatara Township Municipal Authority to order at 7:30 P.M. The record indicated the following officials in attendance:

- James R. Brokenshire, Vice Chairman
- Charles A. High, Secretary
- Donald Martino, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer
- Matthew D. Cichy, Engineer
- Peter R. Henninger, Solicitor
- Ronald J. Paul, Township Manager
- Leslie A. LaVia, Recording Secretary

Absent: James R. Gingrich, Chairman, Richard Wilkinson, Treasurer

Others in Attendance: Gina Fleisher, Ronald Burkholder,  
Daryl Peck, Nancy Pendergrass

Vice Chairman Brokenshire opened the floor to Gina Fleisher. Ms. Fleisher explained to the Board that when the Emerald Pointe Development constructs the sewer line along Highspire Road, her property and another property will have access to public sewer and would be required to connect to the sewer system. Ms. Fleisher stated that it would cost her between \$10,000 and \$15,000 to connect to the sewer system and she stated she feels the developer should pay her connection as well.

Ms. Fleisher wanted a time frame from the Authority; however the Authority couldn't give her a connection date. The Ordinance states that property owners have thirty days to connect to the public sanitary sewer system once the line is installed. Ms. Fleisher stated that she does not have a problem with her on-lot system.

The Authority's tapping/connection fee is \$2,600 and Mr. Paul stated that he didn't think any internal plumbing would be necessary to make the connection to her property. The cost may not be as high as Ms. Fleisher's estimate. Ms. Fleisher stated that she is considering selling her house in a few years and this is one reason she doesn't want to connect to the system.

It was noted that the hookup could be included in the purchase price of her home and public sewer increases a property's value. The sewer lateral will be dropped for the future connection

and Ms. Fleisher will be contacted when the contractor is installing the sewer line near her property to determine the location of the sewer lateral.

Ms. Pendergrass stated that she attended the wrong municipal meeting and said she had questions regarding the Lower Swatara Township Fire Department's response time to a recent fire on Riverview Drive. Mr. Paul stated that the information in *The Press and Journal* regarding the fire on Riverview Drive was incorrect and advised her to contact Chris Dehart with the Lower Swatara Township Fire Department.

Daryl Peck with Concord Public Finance discussed the financing options for the Middletown Treatment Plant improvements and distributed information to the Board. Lower Swatara Township's share less the CFA H2O grant is 2.5 million. It was noted that the engineering costs were estimated at \$351,740.70. The project could be financed over a twenty year or twenty-five year period. The Township as opposed to the Municipal Authority would proceed with the borrowing since the Township gets the better rate. Mr. Peck will attend the Board of Commissioners Workshop meeting, October 7, 2009 to discuss the financing with the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Mr. Martino, approving the borrowing term of twenty-five years. The motion died for lack of a second motion.

A motion was made by Mr. High and seconded by Mr. Martino to proceed with the borrowing term of twenty years. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. High and seconded by Mr. Martino to refinance the remaining two years of the 2002 General Obligation Bonds. The motion was unanimously approved. The refinancing will save the Township \$23,477.45.

A motion was made by Mr. Martino and seconded by Mr. High to approve the August 24, 2009 Minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Burkholder stated that he needs to enter into an agreement with the Authority and purchase capacity quickly in the Derry Township Southwest Treatment Plant for the Colony of Old Reliance Development. Londonderry Township plans to purchase a considerable amount of capacity in the Southwest Derry Plant for their developers. When the Londonderry Township developments are constructed, the plant will be at 85% capacity. Derry Township Municipal Authority has requested a study be completed by Lower Swatara Township outlining future capacity needs. It was noted that York Building Products still desires sewer capacity at the plant

and Phoenix Contact wants an additional ten (10) EDU's. The pumps at the North Union Street Pump Station may need to be upgraded. Mr. Cichy stated that there is a lack of capacity at the North Union Street Pump Station of 10,000 gallons based on the build-out during peak flows.

**Engineer's Report:** Mr. Cichy distributed his written monthly report. Mr. Cichy provided the Middletown Treatment Plant upgrade bid results. The bid will most likely be awarded in October and construction is expected to start around the first of the year.

A motion was made by Mr. High and seconded by Mr. Martino to authorize HRG to proceed with the proposal for the improvements for the Jamesway Pump Station. The cost for the design would be \$15,900 and the bidding phase cost would be \$2,600.00. The motion was unanimously approved. This project will be budgeted in 2010.

A motion was made by Mr. High and seconded by Mr. Martino approving the execution of the Water Obstruction & Encroachment Permit for the Farr Pump Station. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Cichy informed the Board that the construction of the off-site sanitary sewer extension to serve Emerald Pointe Development commenced on September 23, 2009. Richardson Road is closed and the contractor has bypass pumping equipment set up. Some blasting will be necessary due to the rock.

**Solicitor's Report:** Mr. Henninger reported that the Lauck property did not go to settlement so the Authority will not be collecting on those sewer liens. Mr. Henninger stated that one property may be sold soon in Jednota Flats which has significant past due sewer balance. Two additional liens will be filed for unpaid sewer charges; one lien for 18 Richard Avenue and the other lien for 1770 Wheatfield Court.

**Manager's Report:** Mr. Paul referenced correspondence from Derry Township Municipal Authority regarding a study of Lower Swatara Township's future capacity needs for the Derry Township Southwest Treatment Plant. A motion was made by Mr. High and seconded by Mr. Martino authorizing the Engineer to proceed with the study of the Derry Township drainage area. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Paul stated that one item which should be budgeted in 2010 is GIS mapping. The cost has been estimated between \$30,000 and \$40,000. There most likely isn't grant money available but it was noted that if the Authority updated the Act 537 and incorporated the GIS mapping with those costs, 50% of the costs would be reimbursed.

HRG provided a cost estimate (at the developer's expense) for the Lumber Street sewer expansion project. Mr. Cichy commented that the project is going to be difficult due to the trees and the stream.

A motion was made by Mr. High and seconded by Mr. Martino to approve the September expenses of the Sewer Revenue Fund in the amount of \$179,852.13. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Brokenshire informed the Board that he attended the ground breaking ceremony at the Highspire Wastewater Treatment Plant. The next meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2009. A motion was made by Mr. High and seconded by Mr. Martino to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Leslie A. LaVia  
Recording Secretary