

MINUTES
LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
DECEMBER 21, 2009

Chairman Gingrich called the Regular Meeting of the Lower Swatara Township Municipal Authority to order at 6:30 P.M. The record indicated the following officials in attendance:

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

Absent: Peter R. Henninger, Solicitor (excused)

A motion was made by Mr. Brokenshire and seconded by Mr. Wilkinson to approve the Minutes of the November 23, 2009 Regular Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Brokenshire and seconded by Mr. High to approve the 2010 Sewer Revenue Budget of \$2, 431,090. The motion was unanimously approved.

Engineer's Report: Mr. Cichy distributed his monthly written report. HRG continues to coordinate with Township Staff and HRG's Transportation Department on the work required to relocate/adjust the sanitary sewer facilities regarding the Meade Avenue Project. The proposed work includes relocation of approximately 715 LF of 6" force main piping, cured in-place pipe lining of approximately 581 LF of 10" sanitary sewer main piping and grade adjustments of four (4) manholes to match new roadway elevations and grades.

Mr. Cichy reported that sewer construction continues for the Emerald Pointe Development on Highspire Road. Richardson Road is now open to all traffic. The contractor will be reinstalling the existing traffic signal for Richardson Road between Christmas and New Year's Day, weather permitting. Construction is scheduled for Highspire Road for Monday, December 28, 2009 and the road will be closed temporarily. It was noted that all sewer connection permits for this development are to be picked up and paid for when construction of the town homes begins.

Solicitor's Report: None.

Manager's Report: Mr. Paul referenced a letter from Michele Braas requesting prepayment from Lower Swatara Township in the amount of \$1,000,000 to cover the upfront payment for the

BNR project at the Highspire Wastewater Treatment Plant. There is a thirty (30) day turn around for payment to the contractor and until the invoice is prepared by Highspire and the check is drawn and approved by the Township, the time frame could exceed the thirty (30) days.

Additional costs are going to be associated with the project. According to previous Highspire Borough Authority Minutes, two change orders have already been approved due to the contaminated soil. It was noted that change orders could be in the \$100,000's due to soil conditions. Mr. Cichy informed the Board that he heard that productivity is being lost due to the suits the workers must wear. The suits must be properly disposed after use.

It was suggested that Highspire Borough Authority representatives attend the January 2010 meeting of the Lower Swatara Township Authority to report on the status of the project and the additional costs. Question was raised if soil samples were taken before the project was bid.

It was suggested that as soon as Highspire receives an application for payment, the information should be provided to Lower Swatara Township. The paperwork should be remitted to Lower Swatara Township by the third Tuesday of the month so the application for payment can be approved at the Board of Commissioners Legislative Meeting which is the third Wednesday of the month. This payment arrangement appears to be acceptable to Highspire. It was noted that the second requisition for payment will be approved at the Township Board of Commissioners' Reorganization Meeting, January 4, 2010.

Mr. Paul referenced correspondence from Derry Township informing Lower Swatara Township of Derry Township Municipal Authority's new rates for sewer user fees and capacity fees. The rate increases will be effective April 1, 2010. It was noted that Mr. Burkholder will be purchasing his needed capacity before the rate increase.

Mr. Paul informed the Board that he sent a copy of the Developers' Agreement for the Lumber Street Sewer Expansion Project to Kent Patterson, Highspire Borough Authority Solicitor. Approval/rejection of the final Land Development Plan for the Fulling Mill Road and Nissley Drive Retirement Community prepared by Navarro & Wright will be an agenda item for the Commissioners' Reorganizational Meeting, January 4, 2010.

Question was raised regarding the progress at the Linden Centre. Demolition work is being done but no new construction.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilkinson and seconded by Mr. High to approve the December Expenses of the Sewer Revenue Fund in the amount of \$48,077.01. The motion was unanimously approved.

It was noted that Mr. Wilkinson agreed to serve another term on the Municipal Authority Board. The next meeting of the Authority is scheduled for January 25, 2010. The meeting time will be 7:00 P.M. for all 2010 meetings, not 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Paul stated that the Authority should appoint a representative to attend the Middletown Borough Authority meetings. Hearing no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Brokenshire and seconded by Mr. High to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. LaVia
Recording Secretary