

MINUTES
LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
JANUARY 28, 2008

Mr. Gingrich called the Regular Meeting of the Municipal Authority to order at 7:30 P.M. The record indicated the following Authority members present: Messrs. James Gingrich, James Brokenshire, Charles High and Donald Martino. Mr. Richard Wilkinson and Mr. Peter Henninger were absent. Also in attendance were Mr. Edward Ellinger, Engineer, Mr. Ronald Paul, Township Manager, and Ms. Leslie LaVia, Recording Secretary. Mr. Michael Williams representing BW Partnership was also in attendance.

Mr. Williams was in attendance for an update on the Lumber Street sewer upgrade planned by the three developers in order to obtain needed capacity. It was noted that Mr. Williams attended the Highspire Borough Authority January meeting.

Mr. Gingrich informed the Board that he spoke with Von Hess today and was told that Highspire will be conducting a survey. Highspire's Engineer has some concerns with the invert elevations of the sewer pipe. Hopefully, the sewer upgrade plan will be acceptable to Highspire Borough Authority and the parties can proceed with the upgrade work as planned.

Mr. Williams informed the Board that Highspire had questions regarding the improvement guarantees for the project. Mr. Paul asked Mr. Williams to provide him with any corrections to the proposed agreement. Kent Patterson, Highspire Borough Authority Solicitor should contact Peter Henninger. It was noted that a letter of credit is necessary.

Mr. Williams asked if the Authority has any plans to redirect the flow from the Green Plains pump station to Derry Township. This issue has been discussed by the Authority in the past. Mr. Paul stated that the capacity costs would be expensive and the treatment charges to Derry Township are higher than Highspire's treatment charges. It would not be difficult to redirect the flow to Derry Township.

The Derry Township Southwest plant is already compliant with the new EPA (Chesapeake Bay) regulations. It was noted that charges for the main Derry Township treatment plant might be factored into the Derry Township treatment charge calculation.

Mr. Paul informed the Board that Lower Swatara Township will be participating in the Capital Region Council of Governments Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy Challenge.

Mr. High, seconded by Mr. Brokenshire, made motion to nominate Mr. Gingrich as Authority Chairman. The nominations were closed. Mr. High, seconded by Mr. Brokenshire made motion to reappoint Mr. Gingrich Chairman. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. High, seconded by Mr. Brokenshire made motion to approve the following offices: Vice Chairman- James Brokenshire, Secretary- Charles High, Treasurer,-Richard Wilkinson and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Donald Martino. The motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Brokenshire also volunteered to represent the Lower Swatara Township Municipal Authority at Highspire Borough Authority meetings when necessary.

Mr. High, seconded by Mr. Brokenshire, made motion to reappoint Herbert Rowland and Grubic (HRG) as the Authority Engineer and Peter Henninger with Jones and Henninger as Authority Solicitor. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Brokenshire, seconded by Mr. High, made motion to approve the December 17, 2007 Regular minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Engineer's Report: Mr. Ellinger distributed his written monthly report. Mr. Ellinger informed the Board that HRG has received the executed Agreements and Performance and Payment Bonds from New Hope Pipe Liners for the Nissley Drive/Ray Road sanitary sewer rehabilitation project.

Mr. Brokenshire, seconded by Mr. High, made motion to issue the Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed to New Hope Pipe Liners, LLC. The motion was unanimously approved.

HRG prepared a design memo for Farr Pump Station. One alternative considered is to replace the existing grinder pumps with chopper pumps. The second alternative is to install an independent sewerage grinding unit. Mr. Ellinger stated that the second alternative is the preference since staff is familiar with this equipment (muffin monster) and there would be interchangeability of the parts. The project will also include a new vault structure upstream.

HRG is preparing the next Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to DEP as well as the Chapter 94 Reports for the three treatment plants. Mr. Ellinger stated that both reports should be completed by February 8, 2008 for the Township's review.

Mr. Ellinger informed the Board that Matt Cichy will now be assigned to this Authority. Mr. Ellinger stated that he would still be involved in client management and would attend the next couple of meetings with Mr. Cichy.

Solicitor's Report: Nothing to report.

Manager's Report: Mr. Paul reported the Authority review comments were submitted to the Middletown Borough Authority regarding the proposed treatment agreement. Mr. Paul informed the Board that a sewer line located in the access road on the PSU property will need replaced as part of the 5th Street Project. This sewer line is owned by the Township. Mr. Ellinger informed the Board that the SARAA (airport) is considering not replacing the sewer line under the parking lot (former Smart Park area) however a casing is proposed to be installed as part of the 5th Street Project.

Mr. Paul informed the Board that there is interest in the development of the Lehman Shope property. Sewer for this area could go to Derry Township, Middletown Borough or Highspire for treatment. The Middletown build out study must be reviewed again. A study was prepared ten years ago by HRG, but the information is no longer accurate. Information from the new study would be helpful in determining the future capacity needs for the Middletown system. Mr. Ellinger will meet with Mr. Paul to discuss details and Mr. Ellinger can provide a cost estimate for this new study.

Mr. High, seconded by Mr. Brokenshire, made motion to approve the January expenses of the Sewer Revenue Fund in the amount of \$188,814.18. The motion was unanimously approved.

The next meeting of the Authority is scheduled for February 25, 2008. Hearing no further business, Mr. High, seconded by Mr. Brokenshire, made motion to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. LaVia
Recording Secretary