

**MINUTES**  
**LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**  
**NOVEMBER 23, 2009**

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

Others in Attendance: David Twaddell

A motion was made by Mr. Brokenshire and seconded by Mr. Martino to approve the October 26, 2009 Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

David Twaddell discussed the general obligation bond sale for the financing of the Middletown treatment plant upgrades. The interest rate was better than anticipated and the bond sale is scheduled for December 7, 2009. A motion was made by Mr. Brokenshire and seconded by Mr. Wilkinson to approve Resolution 2009-R-3 authorizing payment of the debt on the bonds from the Sewer Revenue Fund. The motion was unanimously approved. The Fifth Supplemental Lease for the Bond Financing was signed by the proper Authority Officers.

**Engineer's Report:** Mr. Cichy distributed his written monthly report. Mr. Cichy reported that the preliminary drawings for the relocation of the Jamesway Pump Station force main should be completed within the next two weeks.

Construction on the east side of Eisenhower Boulevard for the sanitary sewer extension to serve the Emerald Pointe development will begin December 7, 2009, weather permitting.

**Solicitor's Report:** Nothing to Report.

**Manager's Report:** The proposed 2010 Sewer Revenue Fund Budget of \$2,431,090 was presented. Mr. Brokenshire representing the budget committee stated that no sewer rate increase is necessary as a result of the two bond financings. However, due to increases in operational and maintenance costs, the Authority Board is recommending that the sewer rate increase \$2.25 an EDU. The treatment charges for Highspire and Middletown have increased significantly as well as utility costs as a result of the deregulation of electric rates. The sewer rate will increase from \$39.75 an equivalent domestic unit (EDU) to \$42.00 an EDU. Mr. Brokenshire stated that two capital project would not be included in the 2010 budget. The two projects, the pump station upgrade for Jamesway (\$85,000 for the grinder pump) and the GIS Mapping-(\$52,000) will have to wait until the economy improves.

Should Emerald Pointe pay up front all their tapping/connection fees (149 EDU's), the two capital projects might move forward. None of the connections for Emerald Pointe were included under Tapping/Connection Revenue but fifty-eight (58) connections for York Building Products located on Fulling Mill Road have been included as 2010 revenue.

Mr. High informed the Board that the committee discussed a five dollar (\$5.00) an EDU increase which would have helped to finance the costs for the two capital projects. The committee also discussed not increasing the sewer rate. The committee felt not increasing the sewer rate would be fiscally irresponsible since the budget would be "bare bones" and not allow funding for any unanticipated expenditures.

Mr. Henninger asked if the twenty thousand (\$20,000) savings from the refunding was taken into consideration. It was noted that it appears that savings will not be realized until the year 2011. A letter will be mailed to the sewer customers in January along with their sewer bill informing them that the rate will increase in February 2010.

Mr. Wilkinson made a motion and seconded by Mr. High to recommend that the Board of Commissioners change the sewer rate from \$39.75 to \$42.00 an EDU effective February 1, 2010 (the January 2010 billing). The motion was unanimously approved.

A Township Ordinance to change the sewer rate will need to be adopted by the Board of Commissioners. Approval of the Sewer Revenue Fund Budget will be an agenda item for the December Municipal Authority meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilkinson and seconded by Mr. High to approve the November expenses of the Sewer Revenue Fund in the amount of \$700,707.73. The motion was unanimously approved.

The December meeting of the Authority was previously advertised as December 28, 2009. The Authority December meeting will be changed to Monday, December 21, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. It was noted that this meeting change must be advertised.

A motion was made by Mr. Brokenshire and seconded by Mr. High to change the meeting time in 2010 from 7:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. The motion was unanimously approved.

It was noted that the October 15, 2009 Highspire Borough Authority minutes stated that two change orders were necessary for the BNR upgrade project totaling \$82,088.90. Lower Swatara Township Authority's share is \$52,536.90 (64%).

A motion was made by Mr. Brokenshire and seconded by Mr. Martino to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Leslie A. LaVia  
Recording Secretary