

MINUTES  
**LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**  
**JUNE 24, 2019**

The June 24, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Lower Swatara Township Municipal Authority was called to order at 7:00 P.M by Chairman Wilkinson. Chairman Wilkinson called for the pledge of allegiance. The record indicated the following officials in attendance:

- Richard Wilkinson, Chairman
- Daniel Magaro, Vice Chairman
- Scott Spangler, Treasurer
- Peter Henninger, Solicitor
- Elizabeth McBride, Township Manager
- Caleb Krauter, Engineer
- Tracey Bechtel, Recording Secretary

Absent: Chester Hartz, Secretary and Frank Popp

Residents and visitors in attendance:

Michael Davis

Steve Severin (405 Brunswick)

Ron Paul

Todd Truntz

**Public comments:** Michael Davis, a trustee of a testamentary trust which was created by the death of Lauri Stambaugh who resided at 27 Nissley Drive. After Ms. Stambaugh's death, her two daughters, who were minors at the time, went to live with their grandfather and all utilities at this service address were terminated.

A trespasser, who was Lauri's ex-husband, began to use the home at 27 Nissley without permission from Lauri's estate. The trespasser requested Suez to turn on the water to the home, which resulted in the generation of a sewer bill in excess of \$2,000.00. During this time there were attempts being made to have this trespasser evicted. Only after the trespasser was imprisoned for theft of insurance and social security proceeds did anyone have assess to get back into the home.

This property has been sold, but the outstanding amount for sewer charges that were assessed against the trespasser and not the Estate of Ms. Stambaugh were paid out of the Estate. Mr. Davis is here to ask the Municipal Authority Board if they would consider granting relief of those outstanding charges and not hold it against Ms. Stambaugh's daughters who are the beneficiaries.

Chairman Wilkinson suggested that this request be tabled until next month's meeting due to the absence of two Board members this evening.

The approval of the Regular Meeting May 20, 2019 was tabled.

**Engineer's Report:** Mr. Krauter distributed the monthly written report.

**2019 Proposed Capital Improvement Projects –** HRG has completed the survey activities for the Green Plains Pump Station, Middle School Pump Station and the Jamesway Force Main.

A wet lands area has been located on the north side of SR230, on the Penn State parcel. This wetlands was not originally anticipated and was not included in the scope of work in the Agreement between HRG and the Authority. Delineation of the wetlands will be required for the completion of the Contract Drawings and General Permit. A picture of the wetlands area is attached to the Engineer's Report.

**Act 537 Planning –** HRG completed 79 on-site door-to-door surveys and sample collections and will continue to complete more as residents respond to the mail survey. The Authority Staff plans to complete the 12 week flow monitoring study of the existing system.

HRG submitted the Task Activity Report with the revised schedule as seen below:

- Submit Draft 537 Plan Update to Authority/Township November 2019
- Submit Revisions to Authority/Township January 2020
- Public Review and Comment Period March 2020
- Township Commissioners Adopt Act 537 Plan April 2020
- Submit Plan Update to DEP May 2020

**Spring Garden Drive Sewer Replacement** – HRG has completed Survey activities between SG39 and IP25. The design and permitting activities will be combined with the Lower Swatara Township's Spring Garden Pipe Replacement Project.

**Land Development Projects Update:**

***The Pond at Fulling Mill (Retirement Community)*** – Phase 1 – No update to report. The developer has requested that the tapping fee reimbursement component be determined for their improvements to the Lumber Street interceptor. It is HRG's understanding that Solicitor Henninger is currently reviewing that. MH vacuum testing remains to be completed. The developer has agreed to a cost share approach for the replacement of Manhole TW2 whereas the Authority obtains the polymer concrete insert and the Contractor for the development installs the insert at no cost to the Authority.

Phase II – No update to report. HRG has provided additional comments and is awaiting resubmission of a revised land development plan to address all remaining comments. HRG completed review of the financial security and recommended that the financial security be established in the amount of \$285,346.60 for the sanitary sewer facilities for this phase.

***Phoenix Contact LCA Expansion*** – No correspondence was received over the past month.

**UPS Northeast Hub** – A meeting was held with the UPS engineer, Manager Lanman, HRG, and Envirep (pump manufacturer representative) to review the proposed pump station layout and go over the specific design elements needed at the pump station. UPS engineer will begin working on the detailed pump station design.

**Hershey Creamery Expansion** – The developers engineer is working on revising the land development plans.

**William's Manor** – No correspondence was received over the past month.

**Buddy's Run Subdivision** – Submittals of the sanitary sewer components have been received from the contractor, Abel Construction, and are currently being reviewed. A schedule for construction of the project has been requested.

**PSU Meade Heights** – No correspondence was received over the past month.

**Stoneridge Lot 1** – No correspondence was received over the past month.

**SBC Pennsylvania Building Expansion (2755 Spring Garden Drive)** – No correspondence was received over the past month.

**Building #300-Capital Logistics Center** – No update to report.

**Star-Barn Duplexes** – No update to report. A financial security estimate must be submitted for review and the Authority's approval.

**Woodridge PH II Section 9** – The developer is working to dedicate the sanitary sewer facilities to the Authority.

**Campus Heights Village III** – A resubmission of the land development plan was received and HRG has reviewed it and we are working on final comments with Manager Lanman. Manager Lanman is trying to determine if the sanitary sewer should be privately owned or offered to the Authority. Once this is determined, we will finalize our review letter.

Mr. Paul asked how the determination is made as to whether it's private or public. Mr. Krauter explained that there were some e-mails that Lester was looking into, which was based on what was done in the past with Campus Heights and to continue to be consistent with that. HRG did send a recommendation to Lester basically saying that what was stated on the design, general note number 19, indicates that the sewer would be offered and dedicated to the Authority and the easements as well. Campus Heights included in their plans that there are several easements going back to the buildings, including the laterals. That is not something that is dedicated to the Authority but they were also dedicating those easements that those laterals were within. Lester was looking into whether we still wanted the easements and getting those details refined. Mr. Krauter indicated that the Authority Standards determines who makes that call for what is owned and what we want to own, which we do not own the laterals all the way back to the buildings. Chairman Wilkinson commented that he thinks that should come before the Authority Board for a vote. Solicitor Henninger added that the Authority does not want to own the easements to the laterals only the easement to the main. Mr. Krauter indicated he will discuss this with Lester and they will bring this item to the Board at next month's meeting.

**Wilsbach Distribution Facility** – No update to report.

**Soccer Shots, Inc.** – No update to report.

**Solicitor's Report:** Solicitor Henninger noted that at the Board of Commissioners meeting on June 19th there was a discussion on having a special joint meeting with the Municipal Authority Board to review the proposed stormwater

management program credit policy at the Authority's July 22, 2019 meeting starting at 6:00 P.M. He asked if that date and time would work for the Board members present tonight. They all agreed it would. Solicitor Henninger suggested an e-mail be sent to the other Board members to confirm with them so that he can send the advertisement for the special joint meeting.

Solicitor Henninger presented the minor changes related to the re-codification of the Code of Ordinances for the Sanitary Sewer Chapter 18 with the Municipal Authority Board for their approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Magaro seconded by Mr. Spangler to recommend the amendments as presented for the re-codification of the Code of Ordinances for Chapter 18 Sewers and Sewage Disposal. The motion was unanimously approved.

**M.A. Manager's Report:** No Report.

**Township Manger's Report:** Ms. McBride advised the Board that she attended the Highspire Borough Authority meeting last week. Prior to the meeting Von Hess came up to talk with her in regards to a project they had done on 230 which they had the sewer lines televised. They found one area of concern due to grease and sags etc. This area has an 8-inch pipe and on each side of that pipe, the pipes are 10 inches, so any improvements they would make will now not include slip lining because of the two different size pipes. This leaves them with two other options, which are normal excavation and boring underneath. Mr. Hess indicated that he hopes Lower Swatara Township or the Authority will give their option at their next meeting. The normal excavation is about \$70,000.00 less than what the boring would cost and it is the desired way that Highspire would like to proceed, but he mentioned that PennDOT may not agree to the normal excavation because it would dig up Route 230, Mr. Hess also commented that the bulk of this flow in this area comes from Lower Swatara Township.

The Board asked Ms. McBride to obtain the exact location and details from Mr. Hess on this section of pipe. Ms. McBride indicated she will follow up with the Board later this week.

Ms. McBride reported that she set up a new CD with Mid Penn Bank in the amount of \$300,000.00 for 3 months.

A motion was made by Mr. Spangler seconded by Mr. Magaro to approve the June expenses in the amount of \$236,848.77 The motion was unanimously approved.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

A motion was made by Mr. Magaro seconded by Mr. Spangler to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Tracey Bechtel, Recording Secretary