

**MINUTES**  
**LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**  
**NON-LEGISLATIVE MEETING – JUNE 14, 2021**

The June 14, 2021, Non-Legislative 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 in attendance in person or through Zoom:

- Richard Wilkinson, Chairman
- Chester Hartz, Secretary
- Frank Popp
- Elizabeth McBride, Township Manager
- Peter Henninger, Solicitor
- Caleb Krauter, Engineer (Zoom)
- Brian Davis, MS4 Coordinator
- Tracey Bechtel, Recording Secretary

Absent: Dan Magaro, Vice Chairman, Scott Spangler, Treasurer

Residents and visitors in attendance in person or through Zoom:

- Dale Messick, (Greenfield Dr)
- Todd Truntz, Commissioner
- Chris DeHart, Commissioner (Zoom)
- Scott Washinger, Public Works Manager

**Public comments:** None

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Mr. Popp seconded by Mr. Hartz to approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting May 24, 2021. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Engineer's Report:** Mr. Krauter reported that they do anticipate going live with the 2021 Drainage Improvements Project towards the end of the month. That would be the design and construction of the storm sewer replacement at three areas in the Township. We are adding some work at the Spring Garden and Nissley Dr. intersection that was brought to our attention last month.

**Rosedale Manor Update:** Doli continues to set the inlet elevations. They are now completed with installing the curb and driveway apron installations. They are preparing the roadways for pavement, which is anticipated to start in the next week, and be completed towards the end of July, beginning of August. There were some residential complaints that have been brought to HRG's attention that they are currently working through.

Commissioner Truntz shared a concern, he was down on Mountain View last Thursday afternoon, where Doli installed curbing at a resident's house, they cut away his driveway, the apron side, and basically a hole was left open on either side, large stones in the front, they eliminated the access to this person's driveway with no warning, no plywood was put on top of those opened holes. Commissioner Truntz added that it seems like communication is still an issue. Mr. Krauter agreed and HRG is doing everything they can and are continuing to work with this contractor on correcting these issues. He will continue to follow up on these complaints and update the Board.

**2021 Sanitary Sewer CIPP Lining Project:** HRG is completing the design for this, Mr. Krauter wanted to mention there has been a development, North of 76, just off North Union St, across from the middle school, that flow will be flowing through some of the pipes we are CIPP lining, so we are temporarily putting a hold on finishing the design for those just to make sure that under the land development that those flows do not exceed the capacity of the pipe, that way we do not rehabilitate the pipe and then have to replace in the next few years.

### **Land Development Projects Update**

#### *Hershey Creamery Expansion*

Construction is continuing with the pretreatment plant there. At the last Authority Board meeting Mr. Krauter did indicate that they did make some changes, specifically to bypass the pretreatment plant. HRG is working on scheduling a preconstruction meeting on site to review those. DTMA plans on being there as well to address their concerns.

#### *UPS Northeast Hub*

Construction is continuing both onsite at the Hub as well as along North Union St. That roadway is currently closed. Utility work within the roadway, expansion of the road which will continue since they still have a significant amount of work still left to do. They will be installing the on-site lift station this Wednesday, so they have made significant progress on the sewer and storm sewer work on site.

The third and final phase is the upgrading of the North Union Street Pump Station, the design of that pump station has not been completed, so HRG is following up with the land developer's engineer to see when that is going to be done.

Mr. Hartz inquired that since they are planning on putting in a bike path on both sides of North Union Street the whole way out to 283, should we think about having public restrooms at the new pump station location for the bicyclists. Mr. Krauter replied that is something the Township and Municipal Authority could discuss during the design phase.

Commissioner Dehart expressed some concerns with installing restrooms out there as far as cost and manpower to maintain, heat and cool etc.

#### *Woodridge PH II Section 9*

The Developer requested a reduction in the letter of credit (LOC) for the sanitary sewer facilities. HRG has completed the inspection and will be providing recommendation that the Authority reduce the LOC amount and will anticipate that will be on the agenda for the Authority's June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### *D&H Proposed Warehouse*

Construction is continuing, they have a lot pavement down, they have their gate up and operational as well as much of the storm sewer and sanitary sewer utilities installed. They have requested a reduction in their LOC as well, but HRG is in the process of having those inspections done and making sure everything is in order for the recommendation to the Authority.

### *Kinsley Residential Subdivision*

Design is continuing. HRG is waiting for the developer to get the certification from the Highspire Borough Authority that the pipes have the capacity to receive the flow that is connected to the Cherry Street meter pit. The Highspire Borough Authority at their meeting did contingently approve the additional flow, contingent upon their engineer confirms the pipe capacity.

### *Morgan's Run*

As discussed at the Authority's last meeting the Developer is trying to dedicate their storm and roadway to the Authority and Township as well as the sanitary sewer to the Authority. HRG has received several of the punch list items that were discussed at the last meeting. We still are waiting for the record drawings and Mr. Morgan did indicate he will be sending the CCTV for the sewer inspection. They still need to complete the testing of the manholes.

### *Triple Crown*

Triple Crown has proposed a Land Development on a 20-acre parcel across from the Middle School along North Union Street. They are looking at some preliminary concepts for constructing townhomes at this site. There will be approximately 120 units as well as possibly a community center. HRG did have an on-site meeting with them as well as Township Commissioners and Authority Staff to look at the site and how they would potentially connect to the Authority's Sewer System. It was discussed on site that preliminarily it was believed they could connect through the Authority's gravity sewer system, traveling down North Union St towards I76 past the turf field and then cut into an existing sewer easement that wraps around the turf field and connect to the gravity sewer system before it crosses the PA Turnpike. HRG will be doing a capacity analysis to make sure that the additional proposed 112 EDU's can be carried in the existing pipes.

Mr. Krauter explained that the pipes that run through the Penn State property down under 230 and the railroad tracks, most of those pipes are 8-inch clay pipes so HRG was designing the CIPP lining project to rehabilitate those to eliminate I&I in those pipes. The upstream sewers that go under 76 as part of the middle school installation were up-sized to 10-inch. As part of the land development project for Triple Crown HRG is going to be confirming that those 8-inch pipes, if they are lined, can still have adequate capacity for the development. If they don't, we will notify the Authority as well as the developer.

Mr. Krauter indicated that it was also discussed several times over the last six years with the Authority that there is a dry sewer on the west side of that property which was never connected to the Authority's system where it crossed under the gas main. With the current proposed alignment of this gravity sewer going towards North Union Street the dry sewer would not be connected as part of this land development project.

**Solicitor's Report:** Solicitor Henninger reported that he did get the easement documents for the Spring Garden Project and Delmont Avenue.

Solicitor Henninger indicated there will be a joint executive session Wednesday, June 16, 2021 with the Municipal Authority Board and the Board of Commissioners to discuss pending litigation matter.

**M.A. Manager's Report:** Mr. Washinger updated the Board on a blockage at Penn State over the Memorial Day Holiday. The blockage occurred on the downstream line, because of the break in the upstream line it caused stone to go into the downstream line and block it. Mr. Washinger indicated it took 3 days for Kline's to clear this line. They used about 8,000 gallons of water but the line is completely cleared out now and looks almost brand new.

Mr. Washinger reported that the new pumps for the Green Plains Pump Station have been received with installation planned for July 21 and 22.

**Township Manger's Report:** Ms. McBride reported that the Flusher Truck should be here in a few weeks.

**MS4 Report:** Mr. Davis updated the Board on some redesign options for the Shope Gardens rain garden, he has talked with Mr. Fabian from HRG, and they think they figured out what they need to do. They are looking to put an infiltration bed underneath the rain garden, basically it will be a pit of stone with soil on top. The main issue is it's mainly all clay there and that's why the water doesn't drain in a timely fashion. Mr. Davis indicated he will have a full design to the Board either by this month's legislative meeting or next month along with cost estimates.

Mr. Davis mentioned that he just received an email from a Stacy Wright who works at Vizo Financial Corporate, they are looking to do some volunteer efforts in the community area in the middle of October. Mr. Davis was thinking that maybe they could help plant some vegetation.

**Approve June Expenses for Sewer Revenue Fund:**

A motion was made by Mr. Hartz seconded by Mr. Popp to approve the June Sewer Revenue Fund expenses in the amount of \$734,127.79. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Approve June Stormwater Fund expenses:**

A motion was made by Mr. Hartz seconded by Mr. Popp to approve the June Stormwater Fund expenses in the amount of \$99,447.17. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Hartz seconded by Mr. Popp to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Tracey Bechtel, Recording Secretary