

**MINUTES**  
**LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**  
**NON-LEGISLATIVE MEETING – AUGUST 9, 2021**

The August 9, 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
- Daniel Magaro, Vice Chairman (Zoom)
- Chester Hartz, Secretary
- Scott Spangler, Treasurer
- Frank Popp
- Elizabeth McBride, Township Manager
- Peter Henninger, Solicitor (Zoom)
- Caleb Krauter, Engineer (Sanitary Sewer)
- Shawn Fabian, Engineer (Stormwater)
- Brian Davis, MS4 Coordinator
- Tracey Bechtel, Recording Secretary

Absent: Richard Wilkinson, Chairman, Chester Hartz, Secretary

Residents and visitors in attendance in person or through Zoom:

- Chris DeHart, Commissioner
- Scott Washinger, Public Works Manager
- Joe Trafecanty, (17 Nissley Dr.)

**Public comments:** None

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Mr. Popp seconded by Mr. Hartz to approve the Minutes of the Workshop Meeting June 14, 2021. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Minutes of the Legislative Meeting July 26, 2021, tabled.

### **Engineer's Report:**

#### **2019 Proposed Capital Improvement Projects**

Mr. Krauter reported that they did have a site meeting with Mr. Washinger and LSTMA Staff last week. There are still a couple of outstanding items that will be addressed by the contractor, the seals in the Jamesway Pump Station air release valves are still leaking and the contractor has ordered those but is waiting for those to arrive, they are experiencing long wait times. Mr. Krauter will continue to keep the Board updated and we'll close those contracts out as soon as possible.

#### **2021 Drainage Improvements**

Design documents were uploaded the PennBID on Friday July 30, 2021. Design includes drainage improvements at 217 Delmont Avenue, Scarlett Lane, Spring Garden and Nissley Drive.

Mr. Fabian reported that they were able to finalize the design on everything except for the Nissley and Spring Garden. We are having a lot of issues with PA ONE CALL marking all the utilities when we call and try to get all our design data in. We would like to add this to the change order since it got stalled up a bit, but now that we are getting in touch individually with everybody to get an idea where all those utilities go. The rest of the package consists of 217, 215 Delmont, Scarlett Lane where UGI is going to bring gas through there, Spring Garden in front of the Caterers where we had that barricade up for a long time, there's a plate there now and the Swatara Dr and Pennsylvania Ave where we had an opening from a failed pipe.

Mr. Fabian noted the Bid is live, a lot of the questions received are about concerns with lag time and procurement. Right now, we are hearing a lot of the plastic storm sewer pipe is delayed 14 weeks or more, which is sufficient. HRG is concerned that some of the supply chain disruptions are going to cause escalation of pricing.

#### **Rosedale Manor Stormwater Project**

DOLI continued milling and binder course preparation on Mountain View Rd, Market Street Extended and the remaining section of Hanover St. This includes subbase repairs and rolled curb removal on Market St Extended at the southeastern parking areas. They are also continuing to complete hand concrete work at ADA ramps, mailbox resetting, topsoil restoration, driveway aprons and curb connections at this same time. Field orders were issued for additional paving onsite to repair parking areas and Market St Extended east of Hanover St.

PADEP requested a field meeting with us and Highspire Borough to review the outfalls from the project. That meeting took place on July 15, 2021, and detailed meeting minutes will be prepared and distributed to the board and staff for review.

DOLI has submitted their revised claims following the final, approval rate on July 9, 2021, so we can now pull change order recommendations together for LSTMA's approval.

Mr. Fabian from HRG noted that it would be much more efficient for himself to be the one to answer specific questions since he is overseeing the day to day operations for the Rosedale Manor Drainage Improvements Project, he's been leading the engineers that are designing the 2021 Drainage Improvements and work hand in hand with Mr. Washinger to review a lot of the flood damage after that very large storm that we had a little over a month ago and all the repairs that were necessary.

Mr. Fabian reported that all of the binder course that needs to go down and all the roadways have been completed, so they are entering into a punchlist phase where they are doing clean-up, stabilization of topsoil, finishing of all the flowable fill in the existing stormsewer runs in the backyards between Brentwood and Lexington.

Mr. Fabian noted that there is a large punchlist for grating and stabilization, a lot of the concrete aprons that were repaired didn't have the turning radius flares on them, that needs to be formed up and poured. There is damage on Market St. Ext. to one of the curb sections. There was damage and washout on Hanover Street from the storms that washed out the stone under the sidewalk and portion of the sidewalk collapsed. We had to do a plan to tie in a couple of the rain downspout discharges that caused that washout and bring that down to the outlet, so it doesn't keep occurring. Over the next two to three weeks, they are going to be focusing on those punchlist items and stabilization, swale grading. DOLI's crew will come back out for the final waring course by the end of this month

#### **Land Development Projects Update**

##### *The Pond at Fulling Mill (retirement Community)*

ELA Group, Inc. has requested information on required improvements for the land development project to be completed. They are working with a potential land developer to who is looking to buy the property and complete Phase 1 as previously designed.

##### *UPS Northeast Hub*

Construction of the onsite sanitary utilities, N. Union Street and storm sewer facilities continues.

##### *D&H Proposed Warehouse*

Construction of this project is progressing.

##### *Morgan's Run*

No Update. HRG has received notification that the developer has completed all punchlist items except for the sanitary sewer manhole testing. Once all items have been completed, we will review the facilities with the Authority staff and provide a recommendation to the Authority. We have received the CCTV of the sanitary sewer mains, which are currently under review.

**Solicitor's Report:** Solicitor Henninger reported that he updated the sewer lien list with staff. He also requested an executive session following tonight's meeting for legal purposes.

**M.A. Manager's Report:** Mr. Washinger informed the Board that one of the flow meters went down, we do have everything in place to continue to run with the current flow meters we have, but this is the spare that we had on hand

but now it is in use, so we no longer have a spare. He gave the Board two estimates to review, the one estimate is to repair the flow meter which is about \$5,000.00 with a warranty of 30 days. The second estimate is for replacement of the Flo-Dar Sensor which is a cost of about \$7,139.00. Mr. Washinger added that he would like to standardize some of these flow meters, so we don't have so many different varieties, we currently have three different varieties on site right now. To get one in place right now for a spare he is thinking to go ahead and purchase one because we get a one-year warranty then.

The Board agreed with Mr. Washinger that the difference in pricing, it would make more sense to purchase rather than repair and get the longer warranty.

**Township Manger's Report:** Ms. McBride reported that there is a property in Rosedale that's been having issues for a couple of years with stormwater. Part of the easement said that we were to resurface the driveway, not replace the driveway, so there is an issue brewing between the homeowner and the Township. Ms. McBride just wanted to bring it to the Boards attention and will keep them updated.

Ms. McBride also informed the Board that there is another property in Rosedale, there is a house that has a driveway, you drive over the curb, you drive over the sidewalk to get into his driveway. On his driveway parallel of the sidewalk there is a 3-foot cut from side to side, which will be fixed. This homeowner wants his whole driveway retarred. Ms. McBride stated that is questionable to her, because they are going to fix what got cut, it's a very clean cut, they will pave it, it will look nice. The homeowner feels it won't be restored to how it was, Ms. McBride commented, he may have a point. Ms. McBride asked if they Board will allow her to make that call. The Board agreed to let Ms. McBride handle this.

**MS4 Report:** Mr. Davis updated the Board on the Spring Garden pipe replacement. The Township has been coordinating with the property owner discussing the ins and outs of the temporary easement and permanent easement as well as how best to do the construction without impacting the business adversely.

Mr. Davis followed up with the discussion from last month regarding the Shope Gardens rain garden. Mr. Davis indicated he has looked into getting some geotechnical testing done at that site, he called several different engineers, received two cost estimates back and is waiting on the third, hopefully by the end of September we will have a test completed there.

Mr. Davis noted in regard to the property on Delmont Avenue, that Mr. Washinger and himself went out to the property owner in the Turnpike Industrial Park to discuss maybe tying their basin into our work that's being done on Delmont. Mr. Davis indicated they were fairly positive with our idea; we are still working out the specifics on who would cover what. They are consulting with their legal team.

Chairman Wilkinson invited township resident Mr. Trafecanty of 17 Nissley Drive to approach the Board with his stormwater question. Mr. Trafecanty indicated that he has done some improvements to his property, he indicated he just recently put a pool in his back yard and is now being told he is at his limit for impervious area

according to a 1971 Ordinance that states the ratio of 60/40. Mr. Trafecanty wanted to know why such a large spread, he still wanted to do more in his backyard and now he's being told he can't because he's at his limit.

After some further discussion it was determined that staff would meet Mr. Trafecanty at his property and put eyes on exactly what he has on his property to see what he can do moving forward.

A motion was made by Mr. Popp seconded by Mr. Hartz to adjourn the meeting and convene into executive session. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

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Tracey Bechtel, Recording Secretary