

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**OF THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE COUNTY SEWER AUTHORITY**  
**HELD ON OCTOBER 19, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Middletown Township Sewer Authority was held **virtually** via Zoom, on October 19, 2020, at 7:30pm. All Authority Members and Advisors participated in this meeting.

Present were Authority Members: Roland Bailey, John Hanna, Edward Klodarska, Robert Scholz, and Timothy Sullivan.

Authority Advisors James Flandreau, Esquire, Solicitor, Walter Fazler, Engineer, John Ibach, Manager, and Francis Niermann, I & I Coordinator were also present.

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting of the Sewer Authority to order at 7:30pm and led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Instructions for the public to attend the Board meeting were advertised and no public requests were received by the Sewer Authority.

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2020**

Mr. Scholz made a motion to approve the September 21, 2020 minutes. Mr. Klodarska seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-0.

- **MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT**

A. Manager's Report

1. North Branch Chrome Run Repair

As discussed previously, Mr. Ibach and Mr. Stuart visited the initial exposed section of the Chrome Run Interceptor via the Granite Farm Townhouse Community. During this observation, a second exposed portion located near Granite Farm Drive was reported to Mr. Fazler. As a result, KBX was asked to inspect the entire length of the Chrome Run Interceptor beginning at 1010 Pizza and ending at Chester Creek (by Ace Hardware). KBX was instructed to look for any additional damage or exposed pipe before Mr. Fazler reaches out to the DEP for the emergency permit to conduct the repairs. During the inspection KBX located a lateral that was also exposed and reported it to Mr. Fazler. Mr. Fazler will be requesting one blanket emergency permit to cover all these repairs. Mr. Ibach invited Mr. Fantozzi, Middletown Township's Storm Water Engineer, to visit the area to show him the extent of the damage from the August storms. Mr. Ibach also updated Mr. McMullan, Township Manager on the storm related damages. Mr. Fazler stated that these repairs are urgent in nature because of the fragility of the Interceptor due to its terracotta composition. Mr. Ibach stated that access to one section of the repairs will be off War Admiral Drive. He will be reaching out to homeowners advising them that MTSA will be accessing their properties to stabilize and protect the exposed terracotta pipe. KBX will be doing the lateral and small main repairs while McKenney will do the larger repair to the exposed section of interceptor. Mr. Hanna motioned to authorize Mr. Ibach and Mr. Fazler to proceed expeditiously with the emergency repairs necessary to the exposed portions of the Chrome Run Interceptor and to any additional areas that may be subsequently identified by KBX. Mr. Scholz seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a 5-0 vote.

2. Pension Plan Funding

Mr. Ibach stated that the MTSA pension plan is currently underfunded by \$220,000. This shortfall is due to adding 4 employees to the program over the last few years, and to the poor performance of the invested funds. Mr. Ibach and Mr. Hanna reached out to Mr. Nepo for advice regarding this subject. Mr. Nepo suggested reaching out to PMRS first to determine the benefit of adding additional funds to the retirement fund prior to making such a decision. Mr. Ibach and Mr. Hanna will continue to reach out to PMRS as they are hard to get hold of due to schedule modifications (Covid19). They hope to report back with updates at the November Board meeting.

### 3. 2021 Sewer Rates

Mr. Ibach discussed with the Board whether a sewer rate increase should be considered for the upcoming year. Mr. Ibach will reach out to Mr. McMullan to find out the Township's plan regarding this and will report back at the November Board meeting. Due to Covid19, MTSA has several unpaid private and commercial sewer rents. The largest is Riddle Memorial Hospital. Mr. Sullivan suggested to have Ms. Schreiber reach out to the Accounts Payable at RMH to inquire as to when payment should be expected. This will help in deciding how to proceed at the next Board meeting.

### 4. Darlington Valley Pump Station Fence

Mr. Ibach stated that during routine pump station maintenance KBX, was approached by one of the neighbors about possibly installing a fence around the pump station. The resident was concerned about securing the pump station due to its proximity to the Township's walking trail. The resident was mainly concerned about vandalism to the station. Mr. Ibach agrees it would be a good idea install a fence around the new Darlington Valley Pump Station. He will reach out to vendors about two types of fencing (wrought iron and chain link) and report back at the November Board Meeting with prices.

## B. Treasurer's Report

### 1. Payment of Operating Expenses

Mr. Hanna presented a list of paid invoices for the period of September 22 through October 16, 2020, for a total of \$112,709.99. The largest invoice was to KBX (\$56,211.21).

Mr. Hanna made a motion to approve these paid invoices. Mr. Scholz seconded the motion. The Board approved with a vote of 4 - 0 with one abstention by Mr. Hanna solely for the KBX invoice.

### 2. Capital Expenses – Bond Redemption and Improvement Fund

Mr. Hanna reported Capital Expenses totaling \$220,591.78 for October 19, 2020. The largest expense was to PACT One (\$192,271.45). Mr. Fazler explained that this payment (No. 13) to PACT One included unapproved change order charges 6 through 10 totaling \$136,671.00. The remainder was approved contractually. Mr. Scholz motioned to approve change orders 6 through 10. Mr. Klodarska seconded the motion. The Board approved with a vote of 5-0. Mr. Hanna made a motion to approve payment of the Capital expenses. Mr. Klodarska seconded the motion. The Board approved with a vote of 4-0 with one abstention by Mr. Hanna solely for the KBX payment of \$12,284.16.

### 3. Miscellaneous

Mr. Hanna reminded the Board that there is a CD maturing on 10/26. Mr. Ibach and Mr. Hanna will meet to discuss CD options.

## C. Solicitor's Report

### 1. DELCORA/Del. Co. Lawsuit

Mr. Flandreau stated that there are hearings scheduled on 10/28 & 10/29 to discuss the legality of the proposed trust. Counterclaim hearings will be held on 11/4 & 11/5. The Board had an executive session to discuss this in more detail.

### 2. CCIP3 Storm Damage

Mr. Flandreau stated that he revised the agreement between PACT One, DeMichele and MTSA. This document is currently being circulated for signatures. MTSA will pay the additional \$15,000 approved during the September Board meeting.

## D. Engineer's Report

### 1. CCIP3 Construction

Mr. Fazler reported that August's storm damage repair to CCIP3 is 90% complete. The Interceptor pipe crossing under the SEPTA culvert has been repaired and the DeMichele parking lot has been paved. The remainder of the repair work is 80% complete and should be finished by end of December 2020.

### 2. CCIP1 Chrome Run Bridge Repairs

Mr. Fazler stated that Solid Wall, LLC, has completed 50% of all masonry work and should be completing the final portion of the project by the end of October. Once completed, Mr. Fazler will present the Board with a payment requisition at November's Meeting.

### 3. Darlington Valley Pump Station (DVPS)

Per the Board's request, the previous DVPS bids were rejected and the bidding process was re-opened. The new bid was changed to two separate prime contracts instead of the original single bid. McKenney Construction was the lowest bidder for the General Prime Contract (\$81,616.00) and Cedar Electric, Inc. was the lowest bidder for the Electrical Prime Contract (\$216,000.00). Although MTSA had to perform some work on this pump station previously, the savings are still significant (\$56,114.00) in comparison to the original single bid. These savings will be reduced some by future engineering and administrative expenses. Mr. Scholz made a motion to approve the General Prime Contract (\$81,616.00) to McKenney Construction. Mr. Hanna seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-0. A second motion was made by Mr. Bailey to approve the Electrical Prime Contract (216,000.00) awarded to Cedar Electric, Inc. Mr. Scholz seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-0.

### 4. DELCORA I & I Program

Mr. Fazler stated that Video Pipe Services has cleaned and televised approximately 10,000 linear feet of sanitary sewer mains in the High Meadow area. He has no issues to report thus far. He will continue with monthly updates.

### 5. Overview of Planning for Dutton Mill Interceptor

Mr. Fazler stated that he received approval from Middletown Township today to advertise for public comment as part of the ACT 537 plan approval process. The ad will be run in the Delaware County Times on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Public comment will be accepted for

30 days (via regular mail or email to Mr. Ibach). After the 30 days the planning documents will be delivered to the Township for final approval. The plan proposes a pump station in the vicinity of Christian Academy School., The proposed station will discharge sewage from McCall Heights into the existing Dutton Mill Interceptor Force main.

6. Baltimore Pike Collector

Mr. Fazler stated that he has a progress report meeting with Walsh on 10/20. This area of the project will be transferred to Alan Meyers to begin construction of the Collector. The projected time frame to complete construction is by the third week in November. Mr. Flandreau stated that, just today, he received the Amended Individual Site Agreement (ISA) from SEPTA. The ISA is notarized, sealed, and signed by Mr. Lund, Septa's Manager. Once Mr. Flandreau's review is complete, he will reach out to Mr. Fazler to make sure all required drawings are included with the ISA. There should be no impact on the work schedule since he is in receipt of the signed Agreement.

7. Chrome Run Interceptor Relocation/Replacement

As stated by Mr. Ibach, KBX's inspection team will be inspecting the Chrome Run Interceptor on Wednesday 10/21 to identify any other deficiencies. Upon completion, Mr. Fazler will present the Board with a proposal for their review. This proposal will include As-built drawings for the entire interceptor, an evaluation of any critical areas in the wash out zones, and how best to access the interceptor during emergency situations.

• **QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Hanna, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Ibach, Manager  
Cc: Authority Board and Advisors Township  
Manager  
S.W.D.C.M.A.  
DELCORA

The minutes were recorded by Mr. Fazler and transcribed by Ms. Tierney

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

