

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY, DELAWARE COUNTY
HELD ON MAY 16, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Middletown Township Sewer Authority was held on Monday, May 16, 2022, at 7:00pm at the Township Administration Building located at 27 N. Pennell Road.

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

Authority Advisors James Flandreau, Esquire/Solicitor, Walter Fazler, Engineer, and Authority employee John Ibach, Manager, were also present.

• **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Mr. Sullivan, Secretary, called the meeting of the Sewer Authority to order at 7:00pm and led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

• **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 18, 2022**

Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the April 18, 2022, minutes. Mr. Scholz seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Sullivan announced that there was an executive session prior to the start of the Board meeting to discuss various legal matters.

A. Manager's Report

1. CCI Easement Closeouts

Mr. Ibach and Mr. Flandreau have made great progress on these documents. Mr. Ibach will update the Board at next month's meeting.

2. UPTSA (Upper Providence Township Sewer Authority) Sanitary Sewer Invoicing

Mr. Ibach included a draft copy of the sewer treatment fees due the Authority from UPTSA based on the correct number of EDUs that UPTSA provided to MTSA. Prior to sending to UPTSA, Mr. Sullivan is still working on a final review. Once he is finished, MTSA will be sending the invoice to UPTSA.

3. 50 Vineyard Lane

Mrs. Rice's home is now connected to MTSA's sanitary sewer mains through a grinder pump. Bradford Engineers conducted the required inspections.

4. Convery/MTSA Sewer Extension Water Main Break

MTSA's contractor, Steve Botella, was installing the Low-Pressure Sewer System for this subdivision. The low-pressure sewers ultimately connect into the gravity sewer main located in the access driveway to BET's 1st set of apartment complexes. Prior to starting construction, Mr. Botella met with AQUA representatives to verify the location of two AQUA water mains in the cartway of Middletown Road. Unfortunately, during construction of the low-pressure main, Botella hit one of the AQUA water mains which caused extensive damage to the entrance to the BET apartments.

5. Darlington Valley Pump Station (DVPS)

Mr. Ibach stated that while reviewing data from the SCADA system, Mr. Fazler determined the pumps were not operating at normal flow rates. Troubleshooting the station determined the problem appeared to be with the pump station's force main and not in the actual pump station. The pump had been functioning irregularly since January 2022. KBX inspected and cleaned the force main air release valves, which did not rectify the problems. Mr. Ibach and Mr. Fazler will continue working with KBX to determine why the pumps are not discharging at the normal flow rate. Mr. Ibach hopes to have a better update at the June Board meeting.

B. Treasurer's Report

1. Payment of Operating Expenses

Mr. Hanna presented a list of paid invoices for the period of April 18, 2022, through May 13, 2022, totaling \$784,730.13. The largest invoice is to DELCORA (\$651,935.75) in payment of the second quarter estimated sewer charges. Mr. Hanna made a motion to approve these paid invoices. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion. The Board approved with a vote of 5-0.

2. Payment of Capital Expenses – Bond Redemption and Improvement Fund

Mr. Hanna reported Capital Expenses totaling \$12,141.91 for May 16, 2022. The largest invoice is to Bradford Engineering (\$9,490.91). Mr. Hanna motioned to approve these expenses. Mr. Scholz seconded the motion. The Board approved with a vote of 5-0.

The Board commended the Authority on their yearly budgeting total for last year which only had a budget versus actual differential of \$9,474.96.

C. Solicitor's Report

1. DELCORA/AQUA Acquisition

Mr. Flandreau reported that the commonwealth courthouse has ruled in the county's favor. At this point, he is waiting to see if the PUC will approve AQUA's acquisition plan.

2. Bortondale Road Pump Station

Mr. Flandreau reported that the UPTSA Sewer Authority's engineer is revising the legal description for the pump station. He will send it to Mr. Flandreau to review and comment upon completion. The rest of the submitted documents were satisfactory. Mr. Sullivan added that the Conveyancing fee for the completion of the CCI Phase II project will also need to be addressed. Mr. Ibach has already reached out to UPTSA manager about setting up future meetings to discuss the conveyance fees..

3. Sleighton Sanitary Sewer Improvements Design & Capacity Agreement

Mr. Flandreau, Mr. Fazler and Mr. Ibach had a meeting with the engineer and attorney on this project to review and discuss the draft Sewer Capacity Agreement. Mr. Flandreau stated they are very close to having an agreement in place He will report back to the Board as it progresses.

4. BET – Baltimore Pike Collector Meeting

Mr. Flandreau, Mr. Fazler and Mr. Ibach have met with this project's engineer and attorney to

discuss the diversion of flows from the Chrome Run into the Chester Creek Phase III Interceptor. More meetings are to be had with BET.

D. Engineer's Report

1. DELCORA I & I Program

Mr. Fazler had a meeting today May 16, 2022, with DELCORA, its engineers and contractor to review the remaining repairs. This phase is the "in-place pipe repairs" that he will need to acquire additional pricing. The two contractors have received the mapping and a list of items needing repairs from Mr. Fazler's review. Mr. Fazler is waiting for their pricing to complete the required repairs. Mr. Ibach will notify the residents who will be affected by MTSA's lateral repairs by giving them at least a 2 week-notice. Mr. Fazler stated there are approximately 30 laterals that need to be excavated and repaired. There are also approximately 50 additional laterals that need to be televised and root cut.

2. 685 Rose Tree Road

The design work is complete. A HOP Permit application was submitted to PADOT for review. Upon approval from PADOT, there will be an Agreement executed between MTSA and the owner to dedicate the low pressure force main to the Authority. Mr. Fazler will keep the Board updated on the status.

3. 662 S. Old Middletown Lateral Connection

This is a smaller project than the previous one discussed in point 2 but very similar in nature. The homeowner would like to connect to the Knowlton Charter Force Main with a low-pressure sewer grinder pump and lateral connection. Mr. Fazler has submitted a HOP Permit to application to PADOT. Once the HOP is issued by PADOT, the homeowner will be able to construct the low pressure connection into the force main. Mr. Ibach added that tapping fees have been paid for this connection.

4. Chrome Run Interceptor Relocation/Replacement

Mr. Fazler and Mr. Ibach met with the homeowner on 145 Glen Riddle Road to discuss MTSA acquisition of access easements. Mr. Fazler is waiting on the environmental scientist's evaluation of the wetlands throughout this area. Once he receives this report, he will continue negotiations with the homeowner. He will have a better update at June's Board meeting.

5. Baltimore Pike Collector Connections

The Board is well informed on this topic.

6. Pump Station Confined Space Entry Abandonment

The plans for the confined space entry abandonment are complete. Mr. Fazler is working on the specifications and should have them finalized in the new two weeks. He is hoping to have a recommendation for award (via PennBid) by the July Board meeting.

7. 119 Glen Riddle Road Repair

Mr. Fazler is still waiting to receive the survey which will help him determine what the resolution for the lateral repair will be.

8. Convery LPSS Extension

This was discussed in the Manager's report. Even though one of AQUA's water mains

was punctured, Botella was able to finish this project by week's end. Mr. At this point, this project is ready for the Convery development to start connection of the low pressure grinder pumps.

9. SCADA – Paul Lane Pump Station

This work is progressing very well, and the SCADA representative was commended by both Mr. Ibach and Mr. Fazler. Mr. Ibach added that the SCADA systems have been very useful in trouble shooting the pumps.

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

No one was in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Hanna, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm with a vote of 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Ibach, Manager

Cc: Authority Board and Advisors
Township Manager
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The minutes were recorded by Mr. Ibach and transcribed by Ms. Tierney.

Approved:  Date: 6-20-22