

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY, DELAWARE COUNTY
HELD ON OCTOBER 17, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Middletown Township Sewer Authority was held on Monday, October 17, 2022, at 7:00pm at the Township Administration Building located at 27 N. Pennell Road.

Authority Members Roland Bailey, John Hanna, Edward Klodarska, Robert Scholz (via cell phone), and Timothy Sullivan were present.

Authority Advisors James Flandreau, Esquire/Solicitor, Walter Fazler, Engineer, and Authority employee John Ibach, Manager, were also present. Fran Niermann, I&I Coordinator was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

A brief executive session was held prior to the start of the meeting to discuss pending legal and real estate matters.

Mr. Klodarska, Vice Chairman, 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 SEPTEMBER 19, 2022**

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the September 19, 2022, minutes. Mr. Hanna seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-0.

A. Manager's Report

1. CCI Easement Closeouts & ISA Payments

Mr. Ibach, Mr. Flandreau, and Mr. Fazler met with SEPTA and their legal representatives to close out these documents and payments. Mr. Ibach hopes to report that all documentation/payments have been finalized by November's Board meeting. Mr. Ibach added that MTSA received an invoice from SEPTA for the ISAs totaling \$179,978.32 if paid as a lump sum. If the Authority makes yearly payments, Consumer Price Index would apply on each annual payment. Mr. Sullivan motioned to approve the lump sum payment of \$179,978.32. Mr. Hanna seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0. Mr. Sullivan confirmed that this payment will come out of the bond redemption and improvement fund.

2. Electrical Safety Committee Report

Mr. Ibach and Mr. Klodarska will be visiting some of the pump stations again to make sure there isn't any additional signage needed on the electrical equipment. This will be followed up by one more meeting with KBX's representatives regarding their own safety procedures when working on MTSA's equipment. Mr.

Ibach will have a better update at November's meeting.

3. Convery Sewer Extension/Broken Water Main Status

Mr. Ibach heard back from AQUA's legal team that they have approved MTSA's invoice submission and payment should be received in the very near future.

4. UPTSA Back Charges for Sewer Treatment

MTSA invoiced UPTSA for all back charges dating back to when sewer flows were being conveyed to DELCORA. UPTSA will have some minor revisions and will send back to Mr. Ibach. Mr. Ibach will have an update at November's meeting.

5. N. Heilbron Pump Station

The Scada system has been installed and appears to be working well. However, the scada data indicated the pumps are only operating at approximately 50% of their original design flows. This issue combined with the amount of I & I entering the station is the cause of the lag alarms experienced during rain events. Mr. Ibach informed the Board the existing pumps are approximately 38 years old and recommended the Board authorize Mr. Fazler to start working on the engineering and permitting for a new station.

6. H2O PA Sanitary Sewer Grant Application

Mr. Ibach informed the Board the H2O PA Sanitary Sewer Grant is accepting applications for sanitary sewer grants. Mr. Ibach would like to make two separate submissions for this grant. (Upgrade of the Knowlton Road and the N. Heilbron pump stations). These submissions must be sent to PADEP by December 15th.

Misc. – Mr. Sullivan inquired about the status of the Darlington PS and the resident who had complained about the noise level. Mr. Ibach stated that MTSA has sent both sides of the pumps out to be rebuilt which has significantly reduced the noise level. He will have another discussion with the homeowner to see whether this has proven satisfactory.

Mr. Sullivan also inquired about correspondence (included in packets) from The Authorities regarding privatization acquisitions of sewer systems by private investor utilities (IOUs). Mr. Sullivan suggested that Mr. Ibach share this correspondence with the Township/Council since they are the final decision makers.

B. Treasurer's Report

1. Payment of Operating Expenses

Mr. Hanna presented a list of paid invoices for the period of September 19, 2022, through October 14, 2022, totaling \$113,634.78. The largest invoice is to KBX (\$47,290.56). Mr. Hanna made a motion to approve these paid invoices. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion. The Board approved with a vote of 5 -0.

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

Mr. Hanna reported Capital Expenses totaling \$88,234.19 for October 17, 2022. The largest invoice is to CW Sales (\$65,810) for the SCADA systems. Mr. Hanna motioned to approve these expenses. Mr. Scholz seconded the motion. The Board approved with a vote of 5-0.

Misc. – Mr. Hanna and Mr. Ibach have been discussing the PLGIT investments as two of these investments are maturing in November and December consecutively. Mr. Ibach will be reaching out to PLIGIT at the end of October to discuss upcoming options. Mr. Ibach brought up the sewer rent rate increase. Mr. Fazler explained how he derived the rate increase. The Board agreed to a proposed increase of \$35 to bring the proposed residential rate to \$665 per edu for 2023. This will be presented to Middletown Council at the November 28th meeting.

C. Solicitor's Report

1. DELCORA/AQUA Acquisition

There is no update on this at this time.

2. Bortondale Road Pump Station

A comprehensive list of easements was submitted just today to UPTSA's Solicitor, Elizabeth Naughton Beck, for her review. If she is satisfied with submittal, the pump station easements will be assigned to UPTSA. This topic is independent of the billing project or engineering work going on currently.

3. SEPTA ISA Close-outs

Mr. Flandreau stated that this is progressing smoothly, and communication has been great by SEPTA and its representatives. Mr. Ibach will reach out to SEPTA's attorney to amend paperwork based on MTSA's comments and it will be processed accordingly.

D. Engineer's Report

1. DELCORA I & I Program

Mobile Dredging Video Pipe Services is currently finishing up work from a previous list within the township. They should conclude by end of November. KBX will be smoke testing two drainage areas that were already televised during the week of October 24th. Mr. Fazler hopes that this work will be completed by

year end 2022.

2. Pump Station Generators

After communicating with PECO, it was determined that two (Paul Lane & Painter Road) of the five pump stations will have natural gas powered generators and the other three will be diesel powered. Mr. Ibach and Mr. Fazler will be meeting with homeowners whose properties will be accessed via existing easements and explaining the scope of work that is being done by MTSA. Mr. Fazler is still deciding on how to proceed with the contract since Premium Power, a generator maintenance company that MTSA already uses, is Co-Star compliant. They will be providing MTSA with a bid for supplying and installing these generators. Mr. Fazler's concern with Co-Star compliant companies is that there is a long lead time on these generators of one to two years out which makes it difficult to formulate a contract expecting project completion within a certain timeframe. This might necessitate an MTSA purchase the generators and put installation of the generators out to bid.

3. Chrome Run Interceptor Relocation/Replacement

There isn't much to report on this except that easements are being acquired from homeowners and Mr. Fazler is still waiting to hear back from the environmental consultant regarding the remaining environmental work..

4. Baltimore Pike Collector Connections

Mr. Fazler is evaluating WAWA's and Granite Farms Estates' responses to the MTSA offer of \$125,000 towards installing the crossing on Baltimore Pike. He will also be evaluating the Baltimore Pike Collector and its capacity prior to making any decisions. He will have more to report next month.

5. Pump Station Confined Space Entry Abandonment

Two bids were received when this project was put out to bid on October 10th. The first one is from McKenney Construction for \$206,368 and the other bid is from Quick Precision Solutions for \$212,150. Mr. Fazler is very comfortable recommending McKenney Construction to be awarded the job, as they have done previous work for the Authority and have been in the Township for decades. He also stated all McKenney's bonds and insurances are up to date. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to award the contract to McKenney Construction. Mr. Scholz seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-0.

6. 119 Glen Riddle Road

The work was completed on this project just today. Documentation will be discussed with the Board at November's meeting.

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

No one was in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

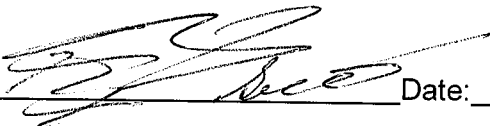
Upon motion by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Hanna, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm with a vote of 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Ibach, Manager

Cc: Authority Board and Advisors
Township Manager
S.W.D.C.M.A.
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The minutes were recorded by Mr. Ibach and transcribed by Ms. Tierney.

Approved:  Date: 11-21-22