

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY, DELAWARE COUNTY
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Middletown Township Sewer Authority was held on Monday, September 19, 2022, at 7:00pm at the Township Administration Building located at 27 N. Pennell Road.

Authority Members John Hanna and Timothy Sullivan were present. Robert Scholz attended via zoom. Roland Bailey and Edward Klodarska were absent.

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

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

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

Mr. Sullivan, Acting 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 AUGUST 15, 2022**

Mr. Hanna made a motion to approve the August 15, 2022, minutes. Mr. Scholz seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a vote of 3-0.

- A. Manager's Report

- 1. 2021-2022 Draft Audit

- Mr. Nepo, Marcum LLP, was in attendance to present highlights from the annual audit for year ending April 30, 2022. The audit is in draft format because PMRS is still catching up on pension information due to their system revamp and Covid-19 back logs. Mr. Ibach added that he was notified that pension information should be completed by end of calendar year 2022.

- 2. CCI Easement Closeouts

- Mr. Ibach, Mr. Flandreau, and Mr. Fazler have finalized all paperwork at their end and will be meeting with Septa next week to close out these documents.

- 3. Electrical Safety Committee Report

- Mr. Ibach and Mr. Klodarska will be visiting some of the pump stations to make sure there isn't any additional signage needed. They had met with KBX representatives who will be forwarding additional safety information.

- 4. Spring Run Lateral Repair

- Mr. Ibach received a call from a resident on Spring Run regarding an intermittent Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) that was taking place. Dye tests were performed, and as-built plans were reviewed closely. It was discovered that there is an existing sewer

main that was not showing on the MTSA as-built plans. The site investigation ultimately determined PECO installed a new utility pole and hit the 6" sewer main which was the cause of the intermittent SSOs. KBX was mobilized to repair the broken sewer main. Mr. Hanna inquired if this repair cost is reimbursable. The answer was in the negative due to MTSA's plans not showing this pipe. MTSA's plans have been corrected and marked accordingly.

5. Convery Sewer Extension/Broken Water Main Status

Mr. Ibach reported that he submitted to AQUA/Alan Roth a copy of the Botella invoice that was incurred due to the mis-marked AQUA water main in the vicinity of the Convery/MTSA sanitary sewer extension. Mr. Roth informed Mr. Ibach that he submitted the invoice to AQUA's legal/insurance division for review. AQUA is reviewing the invoice and will be getting back to MTSA with any questions.

Misc. – Mr. Hanna posed a question regarding the cost of the replacement of two grinder pumps on Dartmouth Circle owned by MTSA. Mr. Ibach replied that there was a requisition for this repair in the amount of \$7,000.

Mr. Sullivan inquired about the status of the noise issue complaint by Mr. Barbieri pertaining to the Darlington Valley pump station. Mr. Ibach had met with the homeowner and suggested could have trees planted to help dampen the noise impact. The homeowner was open to this suggestion. Mr. Ibach will be reaching out to Mr. Barbieri to have him submit a proposal from a landscaper for the Board to consider.

B. Treasurer's Report

1. Payment of Operating Expenses

Mr. Hanna presented a list of paid invoices for the period of August 15, 2022, through September 16, 2022, totaling \$720,101.64 (although the Paid Invoices report is showing \$-105,222.14). The largest invoice is to DELCORA (\$614,879.50) in payment of third quarter treatment costs. Mr. Ibach will revise the "Paid Invoices" report. Mr. Hanna made a motion to approve the paid invoices on the revised report. Mr. Scholz seconded the motion. The Board approved with a vote of 3 - 0.

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

Mr. Hanna reported Capital Expenses totaling \$57,612.36 for September 19, 2022. The largest invoice is to KBX (\$31,546.12). Mr. Hanna motioned to approve these expenses. Mr. Scholz seconded the motion. The Board approved with a vote of 3-0.

Misc. - Per Mr. Klodarska's request at last month's Board meeting, Mr. Hanna stated that the tapping fees from May 1, 2022, through September 19, 2022, totaled \$188,900.

C. Solicitor's Report

1. DELCORA/AQUA Acquisition

Mr. Flandreau reported that the PA Commonwealth Court will not be reviewing the County's position at this time until the PUC has done so. Unfortunately, the PUC may not be able to do anything till after the mid-term elections or possibly into the new year 2023. This delay is due to PUC facing a few of its own term expirations occurring this month which will prevent them from generating a quorum to make any decisions.

2. Bortondale Road Pump Station

This was discussed in executive session.

D. Engineer's Report

1. DELCORA I & I Program

Mobile Dredging Video Pipe Services will be conducting cleaning, root cutting and televising work of approximately 50 laterals throughout the township as well as lining the sewer main in the Penn Charter/Blackhorse Lane area. The proposal for this work will be covered under the original budget from DELCORA. Any remaining funds will potentially be used to cover additional smoke testing of MTSA laterals in the Knowlton Road drainage area.

2. Chrome Run Interceptor Relocation/Replacement

This project is progressing slowly due to other projects taking precedence. Easement acquisitions and environmental studies are in progress.

3. Baltimore Pike Collector Connections

Mr. Fazler and Mr. Ibach had a zoom meeting with representatives from Wawa and Granite Farms to discuss the Authority's offer of a contribution in the amount of \$125,000 towards the total cost of crossing Baltimore Pike. The crossing will pull both entities' flows out of the Chrome Run Interceptor and divert them into the Baltimore Pike Collector. The meeting was followed up with a letter detailing the offer and requesting a response deadline of October 10th. Mr. Fazler will report WAWA's and Granite Farms' decisions at October's meeting.

Mr. Sullivan inquired about the order of the two crossings across Baltimore Pike which in turn affects the timing of the required easements. Mr. Fazler responded that they will be done at the same time.

3. Pump Station Confined Space Entry Abandonment

The project has been advertised on Penn Bid and a mandatory pre-bid site meeting for all prospective bidders is scheduled for September 27th. Bid opening date is October 10th and Mr. Fazler hopes to have a recommendation for award at October's Board meeting.

4. 119 Glen Riddle Road Repair

Mr. Fazler has not made a lot of progress on the engineering work for this project. Texas Eastern contacted Mr. Ibach informing him that he will be receiving an agreement from Texas Eastern sometime this week. Mr. Sullivan commented that he does not want to wait past October's meeting to move forward with the repair since our pipe is outside Texas Eastern's easement.

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Irving was in attendance. He had no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Hanna, the meeting was adjourned at

8:09pm with a vote of 5-0.

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. Ibach and transcribed by Ms. Tierney.

Approved: _____

Date: _____

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